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IN A

COLLECTION

OF

DYING SAYINGS

Of many of the People call'd

QUAKERS.

WITH SOME

MEMORIALS

OF THEIR

VIRTUOUS LIVES.

The Sixth Part.

By JOHN FEILD.

Mark the perfect Man, and behold the Upright, for the End of that Man is Peace. Pſal. xxxviii. 37.

O Death, where is thy Sting? O Grave, where is thy Victory? 1 Cor. xv. 55.

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THE PREFACE TO THE READER.

THE following *Sayings* of the *Dying*, give freſh Occaſion to ſay ſomething to the *Living*, in order to ſtir them up ſeriouſly to conſider their latter End, by a timely Preparation for it, leſt it ſhould come upon them at unawares: Let ſuch remember, that *that Servant is bleſſed, who when his Lord cometh, ſhall find him watching.* Many would gladly be welcomed by Chriſt, with *Come ye Bleſſed of my Father*, who do not conſider the Terms on which this is to be attained, *viz.* Mat. vii. 21. *Not every one that ſaith Lord, Lord, but*

he that doth the Will of God; agreeable to that Saying, *Rev.* xxii. 14. *Bleſſed are they that do his Commandments, that they may have Right to the Tree of Life*, &c.

What hinders Man in his Duty to God, is his not complying with the Manifeſtations of the Spirit, which is given to him to profit withal. For the Lord ſets before Men Life and Good, Death and Evil; and at the ſame Time invites them to chuſe the Good, that they may live; and to aſſiſt them in ſo good a Work, *his Word is nigh, in the Mouth and Heart.* It was this *Word of Faith* which the Apoſtles preached, by whoſe Miniſtry many were turned unto God from the dark World, and the Vanities of it, to ſerve the Lord in the *Way of Holineſs*, being brought nigh by the Blood of Chriſt, by whoſe Death the Partition Wall was broken down, and no Difference made between *Jew* and *Gentile*,

Gentile, according to that Prophesy of *Isaiah* xlix. 6. *It is a light Thing that thou shouldst be my Servant, to raise up the Tribes of* Jacob, *and to restore the Preserved of* Israel, *I will also give thee for a Light to lighten the* Gentiles, *that thou mayst be my Salvation to the Ends of the Earth*; which shews the wonderful Kindness of the Lord to the whole Race of Mankind, whose Will is, *that all Men should be saved, and come to the Knowledge of the Truth*; and for that End also Christ gave himself a Ransom for all, to be testified in due Time.

The History of these Things being open to so many Nations, 'tis wonderful that so few are concerned to search into the Mystery of them, in order to know *Christ in them, the Hope of Glory*; for the bare Belief only of what Christ hath done for Men without them, will not secure Salvation to them, unless they come to witness *his*

Work in them, and they by it *to be born again*, or *from above*, conſonant to the Doctrine of Chriſt to *Nicodemus*. This certainly is the *one Thing needful* for Men to have the Experience of in their Pilgrimage here, which, as they grow up in, is the only Evidence of their future Happineſs.

It has been the Purſuit of this, which (through the Grace of God) has cauſed many to *take the Yoke of Chriſt upon them, and early to learn of him who is meek and lowly in Heart, and by whoſe Direction they have found Reſt to their Souls.* After this manner the Religious have *learned the Ways of Wiſdom*, whoſe *Ways are Ways of Pleaſantneſs, and her Paths are Paths of Peace.* Theſe pious Ones have often invited others to *taſte and ſee that the Lord is good, and worthy to be obeyed*; but alas! 'tis not ſo with the Diſobedient, who obey not the Truth but Unrighteouſneſs; to ſuch who

who are in that State, *Indignation and Wrath, Tribulation and Anguiſh upon every Soul of Man that doth Evil: But Glory, Honour and Peace upon every Soul of Man that doth well*, &c.

My Friends, in the Senſe of this I am drawn forth to intreat you, who have known the good Work of God to be begun in you, that ye labour with the Gift of Grace beſtowed on you, to know the Work perfected in you, and that you may not be always learning, and not attain to the true Knowledge of the Truth, which many have long profeſſed. Rouze up I beſeech you, ye old Profeſſors, and examine into the Reaſon why you are ſo long before you obtain a Conqueſt over the World, and the Spirit of it; I tell you plainly, 'tis your abiding in Conformity to the Ways thereof, which makes you ſo late with your Day's Work: You might e'er now have been firmly eſtabliſhed in the

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preſent Truth, had you come to *Self-denial, and took up your Croſs for Chriſt's Sake, who ſuffered on the Croſs for you.*

I often hear Exhortations to the Youth, to forſake the Ways of this corrupt Age, which would be very well for them to do, but their Eyes are ſharp, and Ears are quick, and readily take Notice of the Example they have at Home, and if that be not compleatly what it ſhould, 'tis very like, from the Defect they ſee, they go a Step farther, and thus by Degrees, the Simplicity of the Goſpel Converſation is in Danger to be loſt; Only in this Caſe it may be ſaid, *That if the Children of the Kingdom will not enter, others ſhall come from afar, and ſit down with* Abraham, Iſaac *and* Jacob *in the Kingdom of God.* For I have a ſtrong Perſwaſion, *that the Goſpel Power will prevail abundantly in the Earth, and many*

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ſhall flow to the Lord as Doves to the Windows.

For ſince Men departed from the Teachings of the Spirit of God, to reſt on the Teachings of Men, they have been ſpoiled through their Philoſophy and vain Deceit, after the Traditions of Men, after the Rudiments of this World, and not after Chriſt. But Thanks be to God, who hath opened the Eyes of many to ſee beyond the Doctrines of Men; ſuch are come to the Teachings of Chriſt, and to hold the Doctrine delivered by him and his Apoſtles, according to the Simplicity of the Goſpel, and cannot mix the human Inventions of Men with the pure Doctrines of the Lord. *For they being dead with Chriſt from the Rudiments of the World, cannot be ſubject to their Ordinances; nay, they cannot touch, taſte nor handle, becauſe they are all to periſh with the uſing, after the Commandments and Doctrines of Men.*

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'Tis to this Stability the Lord hath brought many, and will (I believe) bring many more; for as the *Sun of Righteouſneſs* ariſes, the Shadows will more and more flee away, and then will that which is perfect be known: The Heart will be eſtabliſhed with Grace, the divers and ſtrange Doctrines of Men refuſed, and the Goſpel preached in the Demonſtration of the Spirit and of Power, and Men be concerned to *work out their own Salvation with Fear and Trembling*.

It is for that End I write theſe Lines, that if poſſible, I may hereby induce the *Readers* to mind the *great Concern of Life*, which is to *lay up Treaſure in Heaven*, and thereby anſwer the End of their Stay upon Earth, which cannot be effected but by the Denial of Self, and taking up a Croſs to the corrupt Will and Inclinations of Degeneracy; which Work our Lord is come to effect, and certainly

certainly will, in all those who come into Subjection to his holy Spirit; that being the Means afforded Men to direct their Steps to everlasting Life.

'Tis by this the Soul is awakened as it were out of a sleepy Condition, and quickned into a Sense of its lost Estate and miserable Condition; if the great Saviour of Man help not it must perish: The Sight of which has *wrought Repentance unto Salvation upon many, to a thorough Change of Heart, and Reformation of Manners*; for which they became a Wondering, and sometimes held in Derision by those who were Strangers to that Divine Power, which wrought this blessed Change. But alas! these things are of old Date, and ought not to discourage any from a Pursuit after an holy Life, because without that, we are assured, we cannot see the Lord.

Much

Much might be writ on a Subject tending to a *pious Life*, in order to ſtir up the *Living* to a timely Preparation for Death; which, that all through the Grace of God may have Regard unto, is the great Concern of my Mind.

But 'tis to be lamented, that *Chriſtendom*, in a general Way, ſeems to reſt contented with the Profeſſion of Chriſt, and a Worſhip which is according to the Preſcriptions of Men, whom they call *Miniſters of the Goſpel*, as if by them they expected their Salvation ſhould be wrought out; when 'tis more like, that *if the Blind lead the Blind, they will both fall into the Ditch*; and therefore they are adviſed to come to Chriſt, that they may have Life, and may know, that with it Immortality is brought to Light through the Goſpel; which Goſpel is not what many apprehend it to be, *viz.* a Record of the four Evangeliſts

Evangeliſts, which muſt be allowed to be contained in Papers and Letters: That is indeed an Account of the Thing, but the Thing itſelf is the *Power of God unto Salvation, to every one that believeth*, as the Apoſtle *Paul* expreſly declared to the *Romans*, Chap. i. Ver. 16.

And 'tis for want of coming to the Experience of this Power, that Men take up with the *Letter*, and with what they hear from others, and are not in Search after the Thing in themſelves; and this Goſpel may more properly be ſaid to be preached in every Creature under Heaven, than to be preached to every Creature, *&c.* for moſt certain the firſt, *i. e.* the Power of God is every where; the *Letter*, comparatively, but in few Places: And whereſoever the Goſpel is inſtrumentally preach'd in the Demonſtration of the Spirit, the People who hear the ſame, and turn to the

Lord, are highly favoured by him. And if the Power of God inwardly revealing itself in Men, and the Preaching thereof, by such whom the Lord is concerning for that End, will not prevail with People, their Condition is to be lamented; for such is the Stupidity of some, that when the Judgments of God are apparent in the Earth, as *Sword*, *Famine*, *Pestilence*, or *Drought*, they will attribute those Things to natural Causes, and thereby (if they could) set aside the Over-ruling Power of God, and by that Means hinder his Judgments when in the Earth, to have that good Effect, *viz. To cause the People to learn Righteousness.*

London, *the 29th of the Eighth Month* 1723.

THOMAS RAYLTON.

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The Sixth Part.

JOHN GRATTON, was a Man of Note, and one whose Christianity did shew itself in the Spirit of Meekness and Humility, (notwithstanding many Troubles and Exercises which he met withal.) He was also an able Minister of the Everlasting Gospel, being made Instrumental for the Convincement of many. He had great Openings, was sound in Doctrine, and skilful in hitting the Mark. His Ministry was lively and powerful, plentifully opening the Scriptures. He travelled much in the Service of Truth, both in this Nation, and in other Countries adjacent. His Residence was at *Monyash*, (in the County of *Darby*) above Forty Years, where *Friends* were

often comforted in his Company, and therefore loved him in the Truth, and do believe that he lived and died a Servant of the Lord.

The Winter before his Deceaſe, he ſenſibly decayed, ſo that he would often ſay, *He could not continue long*, his Stomach being ſo weak, he could take little Food for ſeveral Months before he died. His Deſires were great to go hence, if the Lord ſaw it good; and as his Weakneſs increaſed, his Deſires (if could be) grew ſtronger, and more earneſt with the Lord, *To remove him out of this troubleſome World, being well ſatisfied his Days Work was over*; yet deſired to wait the Lord's Time. A Grand-Daughter of his being then very ill, he often gave good Advice and Counſel to her, *To fear the Lord, and be obedient to her Parents*; with more to that effect, to all his Grand-Children.

About a Month before his Deceaſe, his Daughter was called on ſo ſuddenly, that it was thought he could not live till ſhe came to him; ſhe found her

her Children and the Maid weeping, thinking he would not have ſpoke again, but when he ſaw her, he broke out into Tears, ſaying, *He thought he ſhould never have ſeen her more*; but ſoon got a little Strength to ſit up in his Chair, and called all the Children to him, one by one, and kiſſed them, giving them good Advice, ſaying, *It was a great Comfort to him, to ſee that they ſhould part in ſo much Love and Unity one with another*; and calling for the Maid, ſpoke very tenderly and loving to her: And being attended with ſore Sickneſs and Pain, he ſaid, *Lord, I pray thee give me Eaſe if it be thy Holy Will, and remove me ſoon out of this Body; thou knoweſt it is through thy great Mercy that we have Ho[illegible] in thee: Lord, I pray thee, be with my Children that I leave behind, and with all Friends and Neighbours of what Profeſſion ſoever: It is through Chriſt Jeſus our Advocate, who is gone before us, that we are enabled to come to thee:* And further ſaid, *Lord, if it be thy Holy Will, remove me*

out of this troubleſome Body. Another Time ſome *Friends* being come to viſit him, he was told, There were ſuch *Friends* come to ſee him, he ſaid, *They might ſee he was a weak Man:* And looking on them as they ſat by him, he ſaid, *The Lord bleſs his People, and proſper his Truth amongſt them, and enable them to live in Love one with another:* And not long after weakning very faſt, he ſaid, *Lord, I freely commit my Soul and Spirit unto thee*; deſiring to have his dear Love to *Friends*, naming ſeveral Particulars; and a little before he died, he told his Daughter, *Now he thought he ſhould be gone in Half an Hour*; being very Senſible to the laſt. He departed this Life at *Farnsfield* in *Nottinghamſhire*, on the Ninth of the Firſt Month, 1711-12, and is at Reſt with the Lord, *where the Wicked ceaſe from troubling, and where the Weary are at Reſt.* He was buried the 11th of the ſame, in the Sixty Ninth Year of his Age, having been convinced of the Bleſſed Truth about Forty Years.

Joſeph

JOſeph *Baynes* of *Stangerthwaite*, in *Killington*, in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, was born of honeſt Parents, who, in his young Years, was deſirous to attain to the True Knowledge of God, which Deſire God graciouſly anſwered to his ſeeking Soul, in convincing him of His Bleſſed Truth, by that faithful Labourer and Servant of Chriſt, *George Fox*, at his firſt coming into theſe Parts, being in the Year 1652, by whoſe Miniſtry he was turned to the Light of Chriſt Jeſus, by which he came to ſee the Emptineſs of thoſe outward Forms and Ceremonies in which he had been educated.

He was a Man that truly lov'd and fear'd the Lord, making it his daily Care, *To keep his Conſcience void of Offence towards God and Man.*

And a conſiderable Time after his Convincement, it pleaſed the Lord to open his Mouth in a Publick Teſtimony for the Truth he was convinced of.

His Doctrine was ſound, expreſſing himſelf deliberately, with clear Diſtinction, and a ſolid, grave Countenance. His Deportment was ſuch as very much adorned his Miniſtry; all which rendred his Service the more acceptable both to Friends and others, not profeſſing with us, amongſt whom he gained a good Eſteem.

He ſuffer'd joyfully the ſpoiling of his Goods, for his *Teſtimony againſt that Anti-Chriſtian Yoke of Tithes, and on divers other Accounts for Truth's Sake.* He endured many Impriſonments with Steadfaſtneſs and great Patience, being truly thankful that the Lord had counted him worthy to ſuffer for his Name.

In the latter Part of his Time, he travelled very much in this Nation for many Years: He had a great Love and Eſteem for the *Yearly Meeting in London*, which he manifeſted by his diligent attending of it, even from his Youth, until by Old Age he was unable to travel ſo far. He very much laboured to promote Love and Unity amongſt

amongſt Friends, expreſſing, *How hard a Thing it is to reconcile an offended Brother.*

He was a *Nurſing Father to the Youth*, lending a *Hand of Help* to the weak, and young convinced, in order for their Settlement and Growth in the Truth; and was careful to viſit the Sick, imparting ſuch Advice and Counſel as was proper for them.

A little before he was ſeiz'd with Bodily Weakneſs, a Concern fell upon him, *To adviſe young Men and Women to wait for the Power of God, which would work a Change in their Hearts, and make them New Creatures: Otherwiſe* (ſaid he) *they will but have a Form of Godlineſs, without the Power; and ſuch lives in an unregenerate State, who produces the Fruits of Nature, but not of Grace: For mark,* (ſaid he) *Grace teaches to deny Ungodlineſs, and the World's Luſts; to live ſoberly,* &c. *But alas! too many of our Youth, for want of taking the Grace for their Teacher, goes into a falſe and undue Liberty in their Words and Apparel, making that*

of no Conſcience to them, that the Power of Truth made Conſcience to us; for by that Power we were made willing to put of all Superfluity in Eating, Drinking, and wearing of Apparel: Our Words few and ſavory, for the Lord's Dread was before our Eyes, and our Peace with Him was precious to us, which we through Obedience to the Grace of God in our Hearts, enjoyed. This, with much more wholeſome Council, he imparted to the Youth.

He was under ſome Bodily Weakneſs for a conſiderable Time, in which he told Friends who came to viſit him, *That the Lord was good to him, and that he had many precious Openings upon the Holy Scriptures, brought very clear before him, beyond what he had ever ſeen in his Life before:* Several of which he ſpake of with much Tenderneſs and Brokenneſs of Heart, to the Refreſhment of thoſe preſent; in particular concerning the Death and Sufferings of Chriſt, and the hard-heartedneſs of that unbelieving Generation, making a Parallel between them

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and those hard-hearted and unbelieving in his Spiritual Appearance in this Age of the World; *Which*, said he, *makes a sorrowful Impression upon my Spirit.*

I had a Sense, said he, *That I must not continue here long, but must dye and not live; but I covet not long Life, hoping to be gather'd to my dear Brethren that's gone to their Rest before me*; signifying his Satisfaction and Assurance of Peace to his Soul, when his Days in this World should be at an End.

The Day before he died, he sent for a Friend whom he desir'd to see, and when she came, he said, *I much longed to see thee once more*, (she having made him several Visits) *I am under great Affliction of Body, but hope the Lord will cut the Thread of my Life e're long.* She replied, *It hath been a long Time of illness to Thee, near Three Quarters of a Year.* *Yes*, said he, *but I have had great Ease at Times, for the Lord has been very good and gracious to me all along, tho' I am not worthy of the least of His Mercies, but for His Son's Sake I hope*

He will remember me in a little Time, and ease me of all my Pain. And tho' he was exceeding short of Breath, besides great Pain of Body, yet spoke of several Matters relating to *Truth*, being ingag'd in his Mind for the Honour of It: After which, had a sweet Time in Supplication to the Lord, for his Goodness to him; then lifting up his dying Hands, (which trembled thro' Weakness) he took Leave of the Friend, saying, *Farewel, the Lord be with thee.* After which, he said little more, but lay still, as if he felt not much Pain, and so departed this Life in much Peace, upon the 26th Day of the First Month, 1714, and was buried the 28th of the same, in Friends Burying-Ground, at *Brigg-Flatts*, near *Sedbergh*, Aged Eighty One Years.

William King, late of *Oakcliff*, in *Yorshire*, was a Man fearing God, of a peaceable Conversation, not only in the Church, of which he was a faithful Member, but likewise to such

ſuch as were without; and he obtained a good Report amongſt both, and hath left a ſweet Savour behind him.

It pleaſed the Lord to commit unto him a Diſpenſation of the Goſpel, and therein he approved himſelf a faithful and True Labourer, (according to the Meaſure of the Gift beſtowed) to promote *Truth and Righteouſneſs in his Day*, and was a good Example; and manifeſt to all, That it was his chiefeſt Care to live a Life anſwerable to what he made Profeſſion, often adviſing Friends, *To keep to the Root of Life, the Spring of Divine Wiſdom, from whence all Good comes.*

He was alſo a diligent Attender of Meetings, and adviſed Friends to Faithfulneſs therein. And when his Departure was near at hand, he, (as he often had) gave good Advice and Council to his Children, *To keep to the Truth, and to ſet their Hearts and Doors open to the Friends of it*: Saying, *He had as much Love to Friends and Truth as ever.* And to a Friend that came to viſit him,

him, he said, *I am fitted to dye.* And at another Time he said, *I can with the Apostle say measurably, I have fought the Good Fight, and kept the Faith, and well nigh finished my Course, and there is a Crown laid up for me.* And often declared his full Satisfaction concerning his future Well-being: He also uttered many more weighty Expressions, not noted.

He departed this Life the 17th of the Third Month, Aged Sixty Five Years.

Blessing Fenn, Daughter of *Joseph* and *Patience Fenn*, of *Cork*, was born the 8th Day of the Fourth Month, 1700. She was a Child of a weakly Constitution, (and for several Years very sickly) but of a ripe and ingenious Wit; for the most Part, whilst she had Health and Strength, delighted to be employed about some Business or other that was innocent and profitable, not loving Idleness; and also was much delighted in reading

ing the Holy Scriptures, and other good Books, and would often make her Remarks on ſeveral Paſſages as ſhe read, and ſpeak of them to her Mother, asking ſeveral weighty Queſtions. She was very dutiful to her Parents, and extraordinary tender of her Mother, who was ſickly. She loved *Honeſt Friends*, but would be troubled when ſhe beheld any profeſſing *Truth*, behave themſelves unſeemly.

Some Weeks before ſhe died, her Mother went with her a Mile or two out of the Town, to a Neighbour's Houſe, for the Benefit of the freſh Air, where ſhe continued until ſhe ended her Days.

In the Time of her Sickneſs, ſhe was very careful of her Mother, and would often keep her Pain much to herſelf, leaſt her Mother ſhould be troubled. The Sharpneſs of the Pain, together with her great Weakneſs, would cauſe her at Times to fret, and ſpeak a little angry to the Nurſe that tended her, but would ſoon be ſorry for it, and ſay to the Nurſe, *Don't take No-*

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tice of what I ſay, for I love Thee very well; and would diſcourſe ſweetly with her, and give her good Advice.

She did not ſeem to take much Notice of her End being ſo near, till the Morning before her Departure, at which Time her Mother perceiving an Alteration in her, ask'd her, *If ſhe was willing to leave her*; ſhe anſwer'd, *What the Lord will.* Her Mother reply'd, *It's hard for me to part with thee.* After a little Pauſe, ſhe ſaid, *It's true I am very weak, but the Lord is able to reſtore me to Thee again*, and more to that effect, which was thought to be ſpoken to prevent her Mother's grieving for her. Her Mother ask'd her, *If ſhe was willing to ſee a Friend, that was expected to Town ſoon*: She anſwer'd *Yes, or any Honeſt Friend.*

In the Afternoon two Friends came to viſit her, and being in the Room with her Mother, the Nurſe was on the Bed by her, ſhe ſaid, *Nurſe, do'ſt Thou think I ſhall live till to Morrow?* The Nurſe anſwer'd, *Yes, and a great deal longer*: *No*, (ſaid ſhe) *I ſhall not*; and

and immediately cry'd out, *Lord help me, Lord help me!* Her Mother hearing her, ſtept haſtily to her, and ask'd her, *What was the Matter?* And the Two *Friends* came to her as ſhe ſate up in Bed, and looking ſolidly at them, ſaid, *Pray to the Lord, that I may have a ſhort and eaſie Paſſage:* One of them ſaid, *Thou haſt had a long Time of Conſideration.* She anſwer'd, *I was never wanton in the Time of my Health*; and ſo immediately fell into a great Agony, Death Pains ſeizing her: She again deſiring them, *To pray for a ſhort and eaſie Paſſage:* A Friend anſwering, ſaid, *We muſt wait God's Time, and I believe it will not be long.* Her Mother ask'd, *Where her Pain was?* She ſaid, *Every where.* Then ſaid, *Lord give me Patience*; and ask'd ſeveral Times, *Will it be long?* After ſome Time, the Extremity of her Pain left her, and ſhe ſate pretty quiet, with her Eyes ſhut, then opening her Eyes again, a Friend told her, *She had got a little Sleep: No,* ſaid ſhe,

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I was enjoying Sweetneſs. After a little While, her Pain increaſed again, but not ſo violent as before. Her Mother ask'd, *If ſhe had a Deſire to ſee her Father?* She ſaid, *Yes, if he'll come quickly.* Her Father being ſent for, ſoon came with ſome other of her Relations, and he ſitting on the Bed by her, ask'd *Her how ſhe did?* She look'd at him, but did not ſpeak; at which her Mother ask'd, *If ſhe would not ſpeak to her Father?* She ſaid, *I cannot yet*; (being in Pain.) After ſome Time, ſhe looking earneſtly at him, ſaid, *Father, Pray for me, that I may have a ſhort and eaſie Paſſage.* Her Father being nearly concern'd for her, after a little While kneel'd down by her Bed-ſide to pray, and deſir'd, *That as the Lord had been pleas'd to give her to him, he would be pleas'd to take her to himſelf, and that he might make her Paſſage eaſy, and all of us ſubject to His Will*; and more to that Effect; concluding *With Thankfulneſs for all the Mercies we receive*; at which Time ſhe was very quiet and attentive. After a little While, her Father ask'd her,

her, *If she was freely given up in her Mind?* She said, *Yes, I am freely.* Being ask'd, *If she was willing to leave her Father and Mother*; She said, *Yes I am:* After that, She said, *Lord, take me to thy self:* So she continued in a sweet Frame of Mind, desiring those about her, to be quiet, when she heard any speaking, or Noise in the Room: She remain'd quiet and sensible to the very last, and so dy'd about the Ninth Hour in the Evening, the 12th of the Third Month, 1713, being Thirteen Years (wanting four Weeks) Old.

E*Benezer Slocomb*, who departed this Life at his own House, in *James-Town*, on *Connecticut-Island*, the 14th Day of the Second Month, 1715, in the Sixty Fourth Year of his Age, was born in *Portsmouth*, on *Rhoad-Island*, the 25th Day of the First Month, 1652, and had his Education among those People called *Baptists*.

Being a Man of great Stature, and strong and nimble of Body, was given

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to thoſe Recreations that were in thoſe Days accounted Civil; but about the Twentieth Year of his Age, it pleaſed God to ſend his faithful Servant, *George Fox*, into thoſe Parts, and he was willing to go to hear him preach, which he did; but being in that Nature which underſtand not the *Things of the Spirit of God*, he came to this Concluſion in his Mind, *Never to go to hear any of the* Quakers *again*, boaſting in himſelf, *That the* Baptiſts *were nearer the Rule of the Scripture than they.*

And thus he went on for ſome Time, until God, [*Who brings down the High from their Seats, and ſcatters the Proud in the Imaginations of their own Hearts,*] was thus pleaſed to manifeſt himſelf to him: As he with two more of his Company were paſſing by a Barn, where there was a Meeting, at which was that eminent Goſpel Miniſter, *John Burnyeat*, of *Cumberland*, of the Nation of *England*; and he being preaching as they were paſſing by, they all went to the Out-ſide, to hear two or three Words, to talk of as they went

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on their Way: It ſo pleaſed God, that at that Inſtance, *John Burnyeat*, was treating of that (Saying) of *John* the *Baptiſt*, where ſpeaking of Chriſt, he ſaid, *He ſhall Baptize you with the Holy Ghoſt and with Fire*; which he did not remember he had ever read, altho' he thought he knew more Scripture than any of the *Quakers*: He was willing to lean againſt the Door-Poſt, to hear farther, altho' his Companions jogged him to be gone; yet he ſtaid, until through the powerful Preaching of the Goſpel, he was reached to the Heart, and made in his own Soul to confeſs, *That all his Scripture Knowledge, and High Notions of Water-Baptiſm, had left him ſhort of the New Birth, and the Baptiſm of Chriſt by One Spirit, into the Church, which is his Body.* Yet he did not give up in Obedience for ſome Time, until the *Fire of God* began to kindle in his own Soul, againſt the *Root of the corrupt Tree, and every Branch thereof*: For he found that Saying of the Prophet fulfilled, *That there is no Peace to the Wicked.*

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About which Time, being with his New Married Wife at a Merry-Making, where they were pitching the *Bar*, they perſwaded him to pitch with them, but he refuſed, being ſenſible the Lord had appeared unto him, to redeem him out of ſuch vain Delights. But they at laſt ſet his Wife on work, and ſhe through much Intreaty, prevailed with him to pitch once: And altho' he out-did all the Company to their Rejoycing, which ſet him on work; yet the Lord, (*who requires Obedience, according to the Underſtanding given*) ſo ſet his Folly, and ſhunning the Croſs ſo powerfully before him, *That for a Time he thought the Day of his Viſitation was over:* Yet he that in *Judgement remembers Mercy, after ſome Time was graciouſly pleaſed to ſhew him, that he might come out of Condemnation, by obeying the Law of the Spirit of Life, which now through Chriſt, was made manifeſt in his Mortal Body, to reprove Sin in the Fleſh to which he gave up in Faithfulneſs.*

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And the Lord was near to him, both to comfort him in his Exerciſes, and alſo to give him found Wiſdom, and a Divine Underſtanding in the Myſteries of his Kingdom: And after a few Years, called him into the Work of the Miniſtry, in which he approved himſelf a Labourer which needed not to be aſhamed; for he rightly divided the *Word of Truth*, being found in Doctrine, and his Speech very often miniſtred Grace to the Hearers, and was ſealed by the *Spirit of God* to many of his Auditors, *To the turning them home to Chriſt, the Great Miniſter and Mediator of the New Covenant, which God hath made with his People in this latter Age of the World.*

He was alſo made an Overſeer of the Church in theſe Parts, by the *Great Biſhop of Souls, and Shepherd of the Sheep*; in which he quitted himſelf like a True Servant of Chriſt, being a a Pattern in his Converſation, and Chriſtian Humility; as alſo in his Apparel, and Furniture, unto the Flock.

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He travelled much in the *Work of the Miniſtry*, for the Space of Thirty Six Years, both in the ſeveral Colonies of *New-England*, and alſo ſeveral Times to *Long-Iſland*, *Eaſt* and *Weſt-Jerſey*, and *Penſylvania*, and in his latter Years to *Maryland*, about 500 Miles from his Habitation, in which Travels ſeveral were convinced of the *Everlaſting Truth through his Miniſtry*; *So alſo the Convinc'd were built up in the Moſt Holy Faith, which gives Victory over all the Works of the Fleſh.*

He was alſo very ſerviceable in Meetings of Buſineſs, where he came, that the *Profeſſors of Truth* might in all their Converſations, be brought to walk in the ſame, having an excellent Gift in the Service of the Church.

In the latter Part of the Year 1714, he travelled to *Boſton*, *Lynn*, *Salem*, *Hampton* and *Dover*, taking his Leave of Friends, (ſaying) *He never expected to ſee them again:* For he had a Senſe, that his Time in this World was near to a Period; and was alſo in this Journey very ſerviceable in

in preaching the Goſpel of Chriſt with Power, and with a good audible Voice, and in giving Good Council to *Friends*. And when he was at Home, he always delighted in the Company of *Friends*, who ſtood Zealous for *A Right Godly Diſcipline, and Good Order in the Church of Chriſt, which the Lord hath meaſurably eſtabliſhed amongſt Friends, that ſo the Honeſt, tho' weak, might be preſerved, and all diſorderly Walkers that would not be reclaimed, might be teſtified againſt, as Profeſſors which are gone from our Holy Communion*; in which good Work, this *Friend* was one of the firſt Rank, in theſe *American* Parts of the World.

And as on one Hand, he always accounted the diſorderly Walkers under *Profeſſion of Truth*, his Enemies, (and they often found from him a Stroke of ſound Judgement) ſo on the other Hand, he was a tender Nurſing Father to the Honeſt-hearted, and young Scholars in Chriſt's School; and ruled not with Severity over any, becauſe they were younger than he: But always

ways delighted to see young Men come up in a Part of the good Order established amongst his People: And if at any Time they were too Zealous to be borne by the old and loose Professors of Truth, he would commend their Zeal, but gently instruct them to use Wisdom in their Management, in which good Work the Lord greatly blessed his Labour to his People.

He would also give Way very much to those newly called into the Work of the Ministry, if they kept to sound Words and Doctrines, which is according to Godliness, ministring from the Ability which God giveth.

Thus he, with much Sweetness, continued a faithful Elder until the Sixty Third Year of his Age, and then he was taken ill with the Yellow Jaundice, and other Distempers setting in together, he continued very weak all the Winter, very often expressing his Willingness to submit to the *Will of God, either in Life or Death*; being often concern'd in the Time of his Sickness, for his Children, that they might

Walk

Walk in the Way that is ſtraight and narrow, and leads to eternal Bliſs. Telling them, *he had done his Duty in teaching and inſtructing them, as much as in him lay*; letting them know his earneſt Deſire, *That they ſhould keep in the Unity of Friends*; *and that it would prove their own utter Ruin, if they went from it.*

He would in his Sickneſs, very often be talking of his Deſire that Friends might be kept in Love and Unity; and ſo continued at Times in a Divine Senſe of God's Goodneſs and ſweet Peace. And at one Time ſeveral *Friends* being preſent, he gave to each of them ſuitable Council; and ſoon after ſaid to his near Friends and Kinſmen, *Jacob Mott* then preſent, with whom he had very often travelled to preach the Goſpel, *I deſire thee to remember my dear Love to all Friends in* New-England: And further ſaid, *He had done his Days Work, having Peace with God, and Unity with his People.* And then like a compoſed Chriſtian, [*who had fought the good*

Fight of Faith] he took Leave of his Family one by one; and after ſome Time, departed very quietly, and doubtleſs is entred into that *Reſt which is prepared for the People of God.*

He was buried from the Meeting-Houſe at *James-Town*, after there had been ſeveral Teſtimonies borne to that *Truth made manifeſt in this latter Age of the World, by the Spirit of God, in the Hearts of the Sons of Men*, in which this *Dear Friend* had lived and died.

ISabel *Gill*, Wife of *Joſeph Gill*, was born near *Carliſle* in *Cumberland*, in the Year 1670, of honeſt Parents, who were convinced of the Bleſſed Truth, with moſt of the Family, in her young Years, and about the Age of Twenty, ſhe went to *London*, where ſhe lived Seven Years; and after her Return into *Cumberland*, was married at *Carliſle* aforeſaid, in the Year 1702, and ſoon after went with her Husband into *Ireland*, and ſetled at *Dublin*.

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She was a loving and faithful Wife, a True Help-meet both in Spiritual and Temporal Concerns; a tender Mother to her Children; a good Example to her Servants in Plainneſs: A Woman of an excellent Temper, and good Underſtanding, moſtly chearful, and loving in her Family, having attained to a good Degree of *Growth in the Truth*, more in Subſtance then in Shew; a fervent Lover of *Honeſt Friends*, and Open hearted to them.

Towards the latter End of her Time, ſhe was much attended with Infirmity and Weakneſs of Body, yet Chearful in her Spirit, truly ſympathizing with her Husband under Exerciſes; encouraging, counſelling, and helping him forward, in what ſhe was ſenſible was his Duty, often adviſing him to be careful to do *His Days Work in his Day*; chearfully giving him up, and putting him forward to go abroad upon *Truth's Account*, even when ſhe had need of his Company at Home, by reaſon of her Weakneſs, often ex-

preſſing her Deſire, *Never to hinder him, altho' his Company was dear to her.* And when he was abroad, concealed her Illneſs, leſt ſhe ſhould draw him Home too ſoon,

Sometime before her Deceaſe, when confined to her Chamber, by reaſon of Bodily Weakneſs, many *Friends* came to viſit her, and often had ſweet Seaſons with her, the Lord's Power and Preſence breaking forth, to the tendering both her and them together. She often expreſſed a great Concern for the Good of others, teſtifying, *That the Lord was angry becauſe of Pride, Drukenneſs, and other Wickedneſs*; and faithfully admoniſhed ſeveral that came to viſit her, giving Counſel and Advice ſuitable to their States and Conditions, which ſhe had often a clear Senſe of, and would deſire them to prepare for *Such a Time*, meaning a *Dying Bed*; expreſſing her Satisfaction with the Lord's Dealings with her, and the Comfort and Peace that ſhe enjoyed in him, often praiſing and glorifying him, for his Preſervation

ſervations and Goodneſs to her from a Child, to that Time, with many ſenſible Expreſſions, ſome whereof do follow.

Woe to the Crown of Pride and Drunkenneſs, &c. And ſhe ſaid to her Huſband, *My Dear, do'ſt thou give me up? Pray give me up freely to the Lord that gave me to thee; he is worthy to be ſubmitted unto; his ſecret Hand was with us, in bringing us together, and we felt his Love and Living Preſence at our Marriage, and it is with us at this Time, and I hope will be at our parting: Be not troubled to ſtay behind me, the Lord that hath been near, and with us together, will be with thee, and help thee, and bear thee up in all Exerciſes and Difficulties, and provide for thee, if thou ſtill keep near him, and ſerve him, according to his Requirings*; with more Expreſſions to the ſame Effect.

She being very ill, and obſerving her eldeſt Daughter, and another *Friend* crying by her, ſaid, *Cry not for me, but for your ſelves*; and preſſed them ſeveral times, *To take Care*

and lay up ſomething againſt a Time of Need, and ſeek to be married to the Lord, and that will be a good Marriage. I ſee no Cauſe to cry, or be ſorrowful for me, for I am happy; as ſhe had often ſenſibly expreſt, *That her Peace was made with the Lord, and ſhe was not afraid, or diſmay'd at Death, but was freely reſign'd to the Lord's Will, who had been her Strength and Support from her Childhood, and now found him near to help her over Exerciſes, and make her willing to leave her tender Babes, and all that was dear to her, to His Providence.*

A publick Friend, whom ſhe loved, being in Town, and had viſited her in the Evening, ſhe ſent for him next Morning, and having a Concern upon her, charged him, *To cry out againſt the Crown of Pride, and Drunkenneſs*, &c. Saying, *The Lord hath put an Arrow in thy Hand, let it flye, and ſpare not.* With other Exhortations to him of the like Nature.

When ſome young Women came to viſit her, ſhe charged them, *Not to be*

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High minded, or give Way to Pride and Nicety, by reaſon of the Riches their Parents might have to give them, which would be of no Value without the Bleſſing of the Lord; which ſhe adviſed them to ſeek after above all Things.

At another Time, (or Times) when ſome young Married Women viſited her, ſhe adviſed and warned them, *Not to be Nice, or High-minded, neither deck, or adorn their Children too nicely, dreſſing them up like Pictures, and then admiring them*: For if they did ſo, the Lord would take them away from them: *But to keep them Clean and Sweet, out of Nicety, and the Lord would bleſs them.*

To ſome that had been of looſe and ungodly Converſation, who came to ſee her along with others, ſhe adviſed, *To keep under Judgement*; and plainly told one Perſon, *That he was to dye, and had Abundance yet to go through for his Tranſgreſſion; and that if he did not come down lower, he would fall again.*

Her Diſtemper increaſing, ſhe grew weaker, and being often in great Pain, ſhe was concerned to pray to the Lord for ſome Eaſe, *That ſhe might know what it was before her Departure, and that he would give her an eaſy Paſſage, (meaning her Death)* Both which Requeſts the Lord was graciouſly pleaſed to grant her; for about Two Weeks before her Death, ſhe obtained great Eaſe, and lay pretty quiet, without any diſcernable Alteration, until about Two Minutes before ſhe departed, which was as one falling aſleep in a quiet manner.

She dy'd in the City of *Dublin*, in *Ireland*, the 8th of the 12th Month, 1713.

Daniel Gould received the Bleſſed Truth, about the Year 1658, and followed the Lord in the Way of his Requirings, went through many and deep Tribulations, and after ſome Time, a Concern came upon him, to viſit his Brethren, *William Robinſon*, and

and *Marmaduke Stevenſon*, (who were under Sufferings at *Boſton*, in *New-England*, where they afterwards ſuffer'd Martyrdom for their Obedience to God, in bearing a Teſtimony to His Bleſſed Truth,) with whom he alſo ſuffer'd Impriſonment, and cruel Whipping, being then about the 30th Year of his Age.

After his Diſcharge there, he retired to *Rhoad Iſland*, and the Lord opened his Mouth, and made him a Miniſter of the *Everlaſting Goſpel of Chriſt Jeſus*. In which Service he laboured about Forty Five Years, and travelled in many Parts of *New England*, *Shelter-Iſland*, *Long-Iſland*, *New-York*, *Eaſt* and *Weſt-Jerſey*, *Penſilvania*, to *Maryland*, and *Virginia*, ſeveral Times; and God bleſſed his Labours, ſo that ſeveral were convinced, and turned to the Lord through his Miniſtry.

He was a Man richly furniſhed with the *Gifts of the Holy Spirit*; Patient under Exerciſes; Grave in Behaviour; Pleaſant and Examplary in Converſation; his Miniſtry weighty and deep,

tending to the Conſolation and Comfort of God's People: *Unity of Brethren* was his Soul's Delight; he endured many Hardſhips for his faithful Teſtimony to the *Bleſſed Truth*, and was greatly capable, through his long Experience, to adviſe, and give Council, to Perſons in all Conditions, and was a diligent and early comer to Meetings.

His Underſtanding and Memory in his latter Years, had more then common Brightneſs; in the Time of his Sickneſs, he greatly deſir'd, and delighted in the Company of *Friends*; and ſome Days before he died, he ſaid to a *Friend* that was with him, *I have a deſire to ſee ſome Friends*; (that were gone to a Quarterly Meeting) enquiring if they were returned: The Friend anſwer'd, *They were not; we look for them every Day.* He reply'd, *I fear I ſhall not live to ſee them: But let Death come when it will, my Reward is ſure.*

He often expreſſed great Satisfaction and Reſignation in the Will of the Lord,

Lord: With much Patience he endured his long and tedious Sickneſs, altho' at Times attended with ſharp Pains.

On the 26th of the Firſt Month, 1716, he died in the Lord, at his own Houſe in *Rhoad-Iſland*,

Aged about — — 91 } Years.
A Miniſter about 45 }

JOhn *Bowſteed* was born at *Aglionby*, near *Carliſle*, in *Cumberland*, the 30th of the Second Month, in the Year 1659, and was convinced of the *Bleſſed Truth* when young; and in a few Years after, he received a *Gift of the Miniſtry*, in which he improved both at Home and Abroad. He laboured in the Goſpel, and travelled from *North* to *South*, as alſo into *Scotland* and *Ireland*, where he did not only viſit *Friends*, but had Meetings amongſt other People, and ſeveral were turned unto the Lord through his Miniſtry: And as he preached *Chriſt in Word and Doctrine*,

Doctrine, he alſo adorned the ſame in an Examplary Life and Converſation, Plainneſs and Gravity; faithful to our ancient Teſtimony againſt the *Great Oppreſſion of Tythes*, and ſuffer'd the ſpoiling of his Goods patiently, and aſſiſted others when they were under Proſecution for Conſcience ſake, and went with them before Magiſtrates.

He duly attended Meetings for the Worſhip of God, and had his Children and Family with him, and was a good Example to them. He was ready to do Good to all, and his Heart and Houſe were open to entertain his *Friends* freely.

In his Miniſtry, his Doctrine was Plain and powerful, and he divided the *Word aright*, preaching the Goſpel freely, and was zealous in *Contending for the Faith*. He loved good Order, and promoted the ſame in the Church, and laboured fervently for its Support. A univerſal Lover of Faithful *Friends*, and an Encourager of the Weak, and ſought the Good of his Neighbours

bours and Countrymen, and was well beloved.

He was tender over ſuch as were under Exerciſe; he loved Liberality, and hated Covetouſneſs; diligent in his Travels to viſit the Churches, and careful when at Home, for the Support of his Family. He had much Exerciſe with wrong Spirits, againſt whom he bore a faithful Teſtimony.

The Time of his Sickneſs was ſhort; and tho' it lay heavy upon him, he retained his inward and outward Senſes clear all along, and ſettled his Affairs in the World, and was in a ſweet Frame of Mind, and uttered ſuch Heavenly Expreſſions, that the Apothecary who attended on him, (tho' not of our Profeſſion) declared, *That he had been with People of divers Ranks, and never heard the like before.*

Several *Friends* viſiting him, he ſaid, *Oh! how eaſy am I in Company of Clean Spirited Friends*; with many other ſenſible and weighty Expreſſions.

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And perceiving the Time of his Departure drew nigh, he desired to see his Wife, (who then lay weak of a Fever) who was brought to him, and they took Leave one of another; and after he said to them about him, *He was for leaving them*: And in a little Time, in a sweet Frame of Spirit, departed this Life, the 30th of the Second Month, 1716.

He was buried in *Friends* Burying-Place at *Scotby*, on the Second of the Third Month following, where many *Friends* and others accompany'd his Body to the Grave, where he was decently interred.

Aged — — 57 } Years.
A Minister 35 }

Sarah

Sarah Elkington, Wife of *Thomas Elkington*, of *Epping*, in the County of *Eſſex*, was a Woman of a blameleſs Converſation, delighting to retire often in Secret, *To ſeek Acquaintance and Favour with the Lord*; and that ſhe might increaſe in the ſame, did ſeldom miſs attending their Week-Day Meeting, (tho' ſometimes very ſmall) yet kept to it conſtantly; and diligent therein, *To keep her Mind under a right Exerciſe*, which ſhe would often ſay, *Required ſtrict Watchfulneſs*. She was inward and retired in her Mind often to the Lord, and was concerned to have truly in Poſſeſſion, that which ſhe profeſſed, as did more manifeſtly appear, when ſhe came towards the Concluſion of her Time here in this World, which was occaſioned by a Cough and Conſumption, that attended her ſome Time, but increaſed very faſt upon her, in the Beginning of the 11th Month, 1717; ſo that ſhe was apprehenſive that her End drew near, but

but ſaid, *That her Peace was made with the Lord, and that through his great Mercy, he had enabled her ſo to walk, that now ſhe had true Content and Satisfaction, in that ſhe had been faithful according to her Meaſure of Grace received.* And not many Days before her Departure out of this World, ſhe ſaid, *Her Heart was filled with Praiſes to the Lord, but her Condition of Body was ſuch, that ſhe could not expreſs the ſame as ſhe ſhould have done, had ſhe but Strength.* And ſpeaking to her Husband, ſhe ſaid, *My Dear, don't mourn ſo for me; I am but going the common Way of all Fleſh; I am not afraid of Death; for ſeeing it is the Will of the Lord, I am thankful that my Will is ſubjected to His: His Time is the beſt Time; and this I can ſay, my Peace and Enjoyment is ſuch, that I had now rather dye then live.*

And divers Times as ſhe found herſelf enabled, gave good Advice to her own and her Husband's Children, adviſing them, *To obey their Father, and remember his Advice, and to be careful*

to walk humbly before the Lord, and truly to fear him, and then it would be well with them here, and hereafter.

And this, with much more that ſhe at ſeveral Times uttered, was ſpoken with ſuch Awfulneſs, and in a ſweet tender Frame of Spirit, that it did take Place, and tendered the Hearts of thoſe ſhe ſpoke to, and drawing near her End, as her Children came to ſee her, ſhe took her ſolemn Leave of them, *Bleſſing them in the Name of the Lord*; and then lying ſome Time ſtill and retired in her Mind, ſhe ſaid, *That ſhe felt no Pain, neither was ſhe ſick, but very eaſie, and alſo well contented, and eſteem'd it a high Favour that the Lord dealt ſo kindly by her, that ſhe ſhould be ſo free from Pain of Body, and clear from Trouble of Mind:* In the Senſe of which, and of the Overflowings of the Goodneſs of God, ſhe ſaid, *Her Heart was tendered, and that Tears of Joy did flow from her Eyes.* And further added, *That it was now her great Comfort, that in the paſt Time of her Life, ſhe had, through*

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the Grace of God, been careful to order her Converſation according to the Holy Profeſſion ſhe did make. And added, *That ſhe with Trouble had obſerved, too great a Want of that amongſt too many, who gave themſelves ſo great a Liberty to ſpeak at large, and unwarrantably.* Which, ſhe ſaid, *She had been careful to avoid; and now ſhe ſaw the Advantage and Profit of ſuch Self-denial and Watchfulneſs.*

Another Time lying in a ſtill retired Frame of Mind, ſhe broke forth in Praiſes and Thankſgivings to the Lord, ſaying, O *Lord! Thou haſt been good unto my Soul; Thou art the Everlaſting Fountain of unſpeakable Goodneſs.* Three or four of her Children being by her Bed-ſide, ſhe ſaid, O *dear Children mind, and dwell in the Fear of the Lord, and he will manifeſt His Goodneſs to you; Mind, I deſire you, the Words of your dying Mother, for the Lord hath been Good to my Soul many a Time, Praiſes be to His worthy Name. O my Soul praiſe the Lord; He dealeth now kindly by me, for I am very eaſy; I*

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ſeem at Times to doze away my Life; if it goes away ſo it will be very eaſy: Were I capable of Body, I could write ſomething to leave behind me, of my Experience concerning the Dealings of the Lord with me, and what a brave Thing it is to fear and ſerve him, and what I now enjoy.

Her Husband telling her, that ſomething of what ſhe had ſaid, was taken down in Writing, which he did believe would be of Service when ſhe was gone, ſhe ſeem'd to be pleas'd, and continu'd very eaſy, often ſaying, *Her Eye was to the Lord, hoping he would enable her patiently to go through what might yet be permitted to come upon her:* And ſignify'd, *What a brave Thing it was to truſt in the Lord, and conſtantly to watch againſt the Enemy;* and ſaid, *I now rejoyce in the Goodneſs of the Lord, for he is with me; and although I am now coming to hard Work, for to dye is not an eaſy Thing, yet I am eaſy; and laying her dying Hands upon her Breaſt,* ſaid, *I have Peace and true Content here.* And further

ther added, about half an Hour before ſhe departed, to thoſe about her, *This is hard Work that I am in, but I am eaſy; my Mind is eaſy; I have Peace at Heart, the Lord is near me, and my Time now will be ſhort.* And deſiring to take her laſt Leave of her Husband, ſhe ſaid, *My Dear, a little Time will now accompliſh my Labour; Farewel dearly.* And then deſiring to know what Time of the Night it was, which was told her, ſhe then lay very ſtill, breathing unto the Lord: And as ſhe had prayed, *That ſhe might have an eaſie Paſſage*, ſo it was granted; for in about half an Hour, ſhe breathed ſhorter and ſhorter, and went away as if ſhe had fallen into Natural Sleep.

She departed in great Quietneſs, about the Second Hour in the Morning, on the Third Day of the Firſt Month, 1717, in about the Forty Fifth Year of her Age.

William

William Taylor, Son of *John* and *Agnes Taylor*, in *Whitehaven*, was Servant to *Ebenezer Pike* of *Cork*, who, (with many others there) declare, that he approved himself faithful; was sober and well-inclin'd, and in his Converſation very Examplary. His Love to *Truth*, and thoſe that walked therein, drew an Eſteem from *Honeſt Friends* towards him, being careful to keep to Meetings, and not to miſs the Advantage of ſuch Opportunities, whether Publick or Private.

He was taken ill with the Small-Pox, and was viſited by *Friends*. Some Time before his Departure, he ſaid unto *Peter Tomey*, *I have deſired thy Company, and ſome more honeſt Friends, that you may ſee my Departure; for the Time ſeems to be ſhort, and my Dear Mother will never ſee me more.* And being in a ſweet and ſenſible Frame of Mind, ſaid, *I deſire thee to remember my dear Love in the Truth, to my Father and Mother, Siſters and Brother,*

Brother to Friends in Cumberland. *I am thankful my Mind is kept easie and quiet, and I account it a great Mercy from God, and hope I may continue so to the End. And I desire thou may'st be concern'd in thy Spirit, that I may finish my Journey in Peace.*

He said to *Deborah Bell*, *The Lord hath been good to me from my Childhood to this Time, and I have loved Him since I knew Him; tho' at Times there hath not been such a close Walking with Him as ought to have been: But I hope if the Lord sees meet to take me away at this Time, he will be merciful to me; and if I live longer, I hope to be more careful to answer his Will. But,* (said he) *I am as if I was under a Cloud, and cannot enjoy so much of the Love of God as I gladly would, and which we poor Creatures want, when we come to such a Time as this. I don't think I shall get over it; the Lord is good to me, and at Times gives me Tastes of His Love.*

The Day before he died, he said, *To my great Comfort, the Lord is come*

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and hath filled my Soul with His Love; and now I am ready: And afterwards ſignify'd, *He was going to Everlaſting Reſt, where he ſhould ſing Praiſes and Hallelujahs for ever and ever.*

He alſo added, *It will be a hard Thing for my dear Father and Mother, when they hear of my Death, but tell them from me, I deſire they may bear it with Patience, for I am happy, and remember my Love to them.*

And deſir'd thoſe preſent, to bear Witneſs, *That he went out of this World in a ſenſible Condition, and full Evidence and Aſſurance of Eternal Life:* ſaying, *Now the Enemy is driven away, and never ſhall return again; he has done with me for ever; Glory, Glory, to my God.*

And ſo continu'd in Praiſes and Thankſgivings for a conſiderable Time, and gave very excellent Advice to others, for he was exceeding full and open, and ſtrengthned to Admiration to ſpeak for the Lord.

About an Hour after, he ſaid to his Nurſe and ſome others, *Now I am going,*

ing, and ſo quietly departed the Eighth of the Sixth Month, 1717, like a Lamb.

Here follows a Paper that was written by him, giving an Account of his Age when viſited.

A COPY of a Paper left by *William Taylor*.

IN the Seventh Month, 1706, I being then between Twelve and Thirteen Years of Age, the Lord was pleaſed to viſit my Soul by His Divine Power, which ſeized upon me, and brought me to a Senſe of my State and Condition. I had never been addicted to any groſs Evil, but had ſpent too much Time in playing with other wild Children, and in light and vain Diſcourſe: And altho I had been ſoberly educucated amongſt *Friends*, and conſtantly frequented Meetings, yet I ſaw I had not lived ſo in the *Fear of God* as I ought to have done.

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And now I alſo ſaw in ſome Meaſure, *The Neceſſity of an inward Work*, and that I muſt forſake and part with all my former Vanity and Paſtimes. And this brought great Sorrow upon me, ſo that I was ready to ſay, *This inward Sorrow, and Exerciſe of Soul, is harder to be borne then all outward Affliction*; and I was in great Trouble and Sorrow for ſome Time, not ſo much from a Senſe of former Guilt, but the Lord's Power working in me, chang'd my Heart, and I was very ſad and heavy, and the *Croſs of Chriſt ſeem'd hard to bear.* I thought it was very hard, that I, who was ſo young, ſhould part with all youthful Paſtimes; but ſoon after the Lord was pleaſed to let me ſee, (in ſome Meaſure) *the Beauty of His Truth, and how he would love thoſe that fear'd Him*; and did ſo overcome my Heart in a Senſe of His Love, that I was ready to ſay, *I will give up my Heart to the Lord; He ſhall have my youthful Days*; and then the Fear of the Lord ſeized upon my Heart, and as I kept

to it, with my Mind exerciſed in Spiritual Things, I was preſerv'd out of my former Vanity, and became ſober, and was much inclin'd to reading of *Friend's Books*, (which before I did not mind) and delighted to read thoſe Authors who had writ their own Experience, concerning the Lord's Work in them at their firſt Convincement, and the firſt breaking forth of *Truth*, alſo their Travels and Sufferings; in the reading of which, I was much affected, and often comforted, having a Sight of the Glory of that Day, and alſo of the Lord's Goodneſs to thoſe His faithful Servants in the Beginning, and how they were preſerv'd through all their Exerciſes.

My Buſineſs at that Time, being amongſt ſome looſe and vain People, who did not fear the Lord, their idle Talk, and evil Communication was very uneaſie to me; and I ſaw they were Strangers to the *Work of Regeneration*, and I lamented their Condition; and when I awaked in the Morning,

ing, *O, the Fear and Dread that was upon me.*

Thus for ſome Time, I was Religiouſly exerciſed, but a While after I frequented the Company of ſome Young People, ſome of whom were *Friend's Children*, but they were light and airy in their Converſations, and much given to Mirth and Jollitry, *&c.* I being drawn in amongſt them, began to take delight in their Company, and many Hours we ſpent (in the Winter-Evenings) in idle Talking and fooliſh Jeſting, by which I was much hurt, as to my inward Condition, and began to be ſettled in Eaſe, and ſo got from under that Concern of Mind which had for ſome Time been upon me: *Yet the Lord by His Light and Grace in my Heart*, did often reprove me for my Wantonneſs, ſo that I was preſerved from groſs Evils, but too much given to Lightneſs and Mirth.

But the Lord (whoſe Love was ſtill towards me) did not leave me in that ſtate: I remember one Time when I

was ſitting in a Meeting, *the Power of the Lord ſeiz'd me*, which turn'd my Heart towards Him; and by the ſhining of His Light and Grace in my Heart at that Time, I clearly ſaw, *That if I would be Chriſt's Diſciple, I muſt take up His Croſs, and give up my Heart to the Lord; have my Mind taken off from the Things of this World, and ſtay'd upon God.* And that Saying of the Apoſtle was brought to my Remembrance, *viz. To be Carnally minded is Death, but to be Spiritually minded is Life and Peace.*

Richard Heydon, late of *Oddington*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, was an honeſt, plain, ſincere hearted Man; of a tender, loving, compaſſionate Spirit; a Nouriſher of Good in all, and one who bore a Teſtimony againſt every Appearance of Evil, having a fervent Love and Zeal for *Truth*, and laboured for the Proſperity of it, and was a good Example in his Day, to both Old and Young: One of whom

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it may well be ſaid, *He was a Preacher of Righteouſneſs, his Life and Converſation being agreeable to his Profeſſion*; ſo that the Innocency and Sweetneſs of Truth appear'd in him, even in his Commerce and Dealing amongſt Men, it being his Care, *To give no Offence to either Jew or Gentile*, or, *The Church of Chriſt*; ſo that it may be ſaid in a good Meaſure of him, as was ſaid of *Nathaniel*, *That he was an Iſraelite indeed, in whom was no Guile*; for he preached in Life and Converſation, even to thoſe that were without, and was a good Example in ſo doing, to all that make a Profeſſion of the *Bleſſed Truth*, amongſt whom he alſo laboured in Word and Doctrine, *In exhorting all to Faithfulneſs to God, and His Truth, that ſo they might feel the Living Vertue of it in themſelves, whereby they might come to be ſeaſoned with the Salt of the Covenant.*

He was often under great Concern of Mind for his Children, and in order that they might come to Witneſs *A Growth in the Truth*, he was often

concerned to wait upon the Lord in his own Family, to ſeek to Him in Supplication for them; and the Lord was pleaſed to anſwer the Deſire of his Soul in a good Meaſure, ſo that he lived to ſee the Travel of his Soul, and was greatly comforted therein.

And although his *Gift in the Miniſtry* was not large, yet finding a Concern upon his Mind, which reſted upon him for ſome Years, to viſit the *Churches of Chriſt* in *Wales*, and a Companion offering, he ſet forward his Journey with the *Unity of Friends*, in which Service he had great Satisfaction: And it pleaſed the Lord, (who knows what is beſt for his People) to viſit him with the Small-Pox, at our worthy Friend, *John George*'s Houſe, at *Landewybrevy*, in *Cardiganſhire*, in *South-Wales*; in which Illneſs he was reſigned to the Will of the Lord, and declared of *His Goodneſs to his Soul*: And altho' he was in great Pain, and very ill in Body, his Soul was viſited by the tendering Power, and ſweet Love of God, ſo that he ſat up in his Bed,

Bed, and with Tears declared of the Sweetneſs and Vertue of it. *Oh! how ſweet is the Love of God; it is now ſweet to my Taſte; it is ſweeter then Honey, yea, then the Honey-Comb; it ſeaſoneth our Exerciſes; it ſweetneth the Bitter Cup unto us, and the Divine Streams of it brings Comfort and Refreſhment to every weary Soul.*

And again ſignifying his Concern that Friends might witneſs the Lord to be near at ſuch a Time, ſaying, *A Profeſſion of Truth, without Faithfulneſs thereunto, is to little purpoſe; it will bring no Comfort in a Time of Trial, which comes many Times when we are not aware of it.* And again he ſaid, *Many are thoſe unto whom the Lord has made known his Way; and Oh! that all might make ſtraight Steps in it.*

Some Friends coming to ſee him, he was open'd in Advice to them, and in great Tenderneſs of Spirit, ſaid, *It is neceſſary for Friends when they meet together, in order to worſhip God, to ſit down under a right Exerciſe of Mind, and with Diligence wait to feel His*

Bowing Power to tender and bow down their Spirits before him, that ſo they may come to feel the Vertue and Weight of Truth upon their Spirits, which in it ſelf is Pure and Weighty.

And as they thus come, they will be Livingly concerned for the Honour thereof; for it is too common to ſee ſome amongſt us, yea, ſome that profeſs the Truth, [*with Sorrow I ſpeak it*] *overcome with Sleep when they are in Meetings, which brings Trouble and Sorrow unto the Diligent and Honeſt hearted, and may be ſtumbling Blocks to other People that may drop in among us.*

Thus this dear Friend was concern'd for the Proſperity of *Truth* unto the laſt, and his Diſtemper increaſing upon him, which proved him greatly, yet he continued in a quiet Frame of Spirit, and on the Twenty Third of the Tenth Month, departed this Life like a Lamb, without either Sigh or Groan, and is, we doubt not, entered into that Reſt, *That God has prepared for the Righteous.*

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His Body was accompany'd by ſeveral *Friends*, to *Friends* Burying-Place at *Landovery*, where he was interr'd the 25th of the ſame Month, 1717, Aged Sixty Seven Years.

Margaret the Wife of *Joſeph Hoare*, of *Cork*, was dearly beloved by *Friends* in general, for they came frequently to viſit her in the Time of her Weakneſs; in ſeveral of which Viſits they had with her, and ſhe with them, very Sweet and Heavenly Seaſons, wherein the melting Power and Love of God, was at Times richly manifeſted among; and in ſome of them ſhe was ſweetly drawn forth in Teſtimony, to the tendering many Hearts, as likewiſe were ſome other *Friends* on the like Occaſions.

Some Time before her Departure, many *Friends* being in her Room, and waiting in Silence upon the Lord, ſhe was drawn forth very Livingly in Teſtimony, by Way of Advice and Counſel to them, as well as ſome-

thing relating to her Service, and Teſtimony for the Lord. To Friends ſhe preſſingly recommended, *Their ſeeking after, and loving the Lord above all; and the Enjoyment of Truth, and the Life of it, beyond the World, and the Things of it; and not to let their Minds be taken up, and incumbred with fading and tranſitory Objects; and then they would both clearly ſee their Way, and be ready and willing to do and anſwer what the Lord might be pleaſed to require of them.* Adding in great Tenderneſs of Spirit, *That as to herſelf, ſhe could in great Humility and Reverence, as well as Thankfulneſs,* ſay, *That ſhe had anſwered the Lord's Requirings in her Day, by giving herſelf up to his Service; and that ſhe could not charge herſelf with declining any Journey, or Service, in Teſtimony that the Lord required of her; which,* (ſaid ſhe) *is now my great Comfort, and Satisfaction of Soul, in this the Time of my Weakneſs;* with much more to the ſame Purpoſe, ſhe utter'd at that Time, in a Hea-

a Heavenly Sweetneſs of Spirit, which could not be remembred.

At another Time being overcome with the Love of God, ſhe ſpoke pretty deal, *In a Holy Admiration thereof, and of the Divine Excellency of God's Salvation, and of her feeling of it at that time:* Adding, with great Sweetneſs and Fervency of Spirit, *My Salvation is ſealed.*

Another Time ſeeing ſome Friends very ſorrowful for her, ſhe ſaid to them, *Be not concerned for me, I pray you; there is no Cauſe of Sorrow on my Account, upon ſeveral Occaſions.* She expreſs'd her great Love and Affection to her Husband's Two Children, and likewiſe of their Affection and Dutifulneſs to her; and not long before her Death, ſhe ſpoke to her Son-in-Law, *Joſeph*, thus, *viz. That ſhe could never make any Difference between them and her own Children; deſiring him, that as his little Brothers might grow up, they ſhould live in Love with one another:* Adding thus, *The Lord was pleaſed once to bring thee very low,*

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and he had a good End in raiſing thee up again; and that the Lord loved him, and deſired he might love the Lord, which ſhe hoped he would do. And to her Brother *Pike* expreſs'd herſelf after this manner, with much Affection: *My dear Brother,* (ſaid ſhe) *I've loved thee very dearly in the Truth, ever ſince our firſt Acquaintance, and my Soul hath been nearly united to thee by the Lord's Spirit, in which our Love, Union, and Fellowſhip hath ſtood; we muſt part, but in a little Time we ſhall meet again, never to part more.*

At another Time ſeeing ſeveral Friends weeping about her, ſhe ſaid to them, *Don't cry for me; I don't dye as one without Hope; I ſhall have no more Tears, they are all wiped away:* And ſome Time after her Lips moving, ſhe was heard to ſpeak ſoftly to her ſelf, upon which her Siſter *Pike* putting her Ear near her, heard her praying to the Lord, and praiſing him, ſaying, *My Soul doth magnify the Lord,* with more to the ſame purpoſe; which ſhe could not ſo diſtinctly underſtand,

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At ſeveral Times ſhe expreſs'd to ſome Friends, *Her Satisfaction in coming for* Ireland, *and of her being in her right Place.* She deſir'd, *That her dear Love might be remember'd to her Mother*; and the Day before ſhe died, ſhe ſaid to ſome Friends about her thus: *Remember my dear Love to all my dear Friends, and tell them I am going to my God, and their God; to my King, and their King: I have a clear Conſcience, void of Offence, towards God, and towards all Men; the Seed reigns:* And ſo went on magnifying the Lord ſeveral Times. The ſame-Day ſhe was taken with a violent Fit of Coughing, ſo that herſelf, and the *Friends* about her, thought ſhe was going off; but recovering again, ſhe ſaid, with a holy Concern of Mind, *And muſt I ſtay longer; I thought I was ſweetly paſſing away.*

Her Brother *Pike* coming to ſee her, ſhe ſaid to him, *Dear Brother I am glad to ſee thee, but ſhould have been*

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gladder to have been gone; I thought I was ſweetly paſſing away; Oh! ſweetly, ſweetly, I thought I was going. Growing weaker and weaker, her Strength and Speech began to fail, yet ſpake ſoftly to herſelf, which ſome *Friends* about her obſerving, and liſtning to hear, perceived by what ſhe utter'd, as if ſhe ſaw a Viſion, and had a Sight of a Glorious City, which ſhe ſaw; for ſhe was heard to ſay, *An excellent City, paved* [as they underſtood ſhe meant] *with Gold*; adding, *it will be mine for ever.* And thus by Degrees her Strength and Speech failing, ſhe died in the Lord, the Twenty Fourth Day of the Firſt Month, 1717-18, being greatly lamented by others, as well as *Friends* in general.

The foregoing Inſtances are but a few, in compariſon of the many Sweet and Heavenly Expreſſions, which dropt from her, and ſhe uttered in the Time of her Weakneſs, which yet were thought fit to be taken and kept, as a Memorial of her for Time to come.

Jonathan

JOnathan Tyler, Son of *Charles*, of *Calnn*, in the County of *Wilts*, was convinced of the *Bleſſed Truth*, about the 21ſt or 22d Year of his Age; and after ſome Months, it pleas'd God to open his Mouth, and give him a large *Gift in the Miniſtry*, in which he was a faithful Labourer, and divided the Word aright, and the Divine Preſence of God attended him in his Miniſtry, to the making glad, and Refreſhment of many.

He travelled moſt part of this Kingdom to viſit *Friends*, and alſo *Scotland* and *Ireland*, and in *America*, as *Penſylvania*, *New-York*, *New England*, *Eaſt* and *Weſt-Jerſey*, *Maryland*, *Virginia*, and *Carolina*: In all theſe Places he took abundance of Pains, and travelled for the Space of three Years in thoſe *American* Countries. He was a noble Inſtrument in the Hand of God, and had great Service for God and his Truth in thoſe Places; and many *there was turned from Darkneſs to Light*, and

and from Satan's Power, to the Power of the Lord God, by his living and powerful Miniſtry.

He was a loving and affectionate Husband, and a tender Father, both to his own Children, and to the Church of Chriſt. He was a good and peaceable Neighbour, and of a ſweet and pleaſant Temper.

After he came from *America*, he marry'd, and ſettled at *Bradford*, in the County above-mention'd, and was very ſerviceable in thoſe Parts, to the *Churches of Chriſt*, which for his Loſs ſince, many have been ſad, yet there ſtill remains Seals of his Living Miniſtry.

After long Struggles with his Diſtemper, the Gout, which ſettled in his Stomach, he was confined to his Bed, and on the 22d of the 10th Month, 1717, on the firſt Day of the Week, his Wife and Children, with ſeveral other Relations being about him in the Evening, after Meeting, he ſeem'd ſomewhat refreſh'd and comforted thereby, and raiſing himſelf on his

his Bed, in a Living Frame of Mind, expreſt himſelf to them as followeth: *If the Lord pleaſe he can reſtore me; ſo long as there is Life there is Hopes; but when Death is come, then there is no more Hopes; the Lord God can, if he pleaſe, work Miracles upon me, and preſerve my Life, which if he does, it muſt be for ſome good and glorious Purpoſe: He is a good God to me*, and ſaid, *O thou good and ſweet God, who can forget ſo good a God.* He was proceeding further, but was interrupted by the coming in of ſeveral *Friends* to viſit him, and being taken out of his Bed, a little to refreſh him, and underſtanding it was Firſt Day, after ſome Inwardneſs, he ſaid, *Oh! I have loſt two Feaſt Days; theſe and Fourth Days uſed to be my Feaſt Days, and if I could have but one good Meeting more, that would do*; intimating that then he ſhould be intirely ſatisfy'd. Then remaining ſilent a While, he proceeded, *By this I know that I am paſſed from Death to Life, becauſe I love the Brethren.* Alſo citing the Text to the ſame

ſame Purpoſe, repeating divers Times, *That God was good to him*; and with great Admiration and Emphaſis, ſaid ſeveral Times, O, *dear God! thou art Glorious, and lives for ever and ever.* Being put into his Bed again, a Friend ask'd him, *If he knew him?* He reply'd, *Yes*, naming his Name: Then the Friend ask'd him, *How he did?* He reply'd, *Very ordinary*; ſaying, *I hardly know any Thing now, only this I do know, that I am yet alive upon the Earth, and that is a Mercy; and I know that God is good to me, and that is a great Mercy.* About the Middle of the Night, being worſe then ordinary, the Family was called about him, but ſomewhat recovering, was heard to ſay, *To know Thee, the only True God, and Jeſus Chriſt, whom Thou haſt ſent, is Life Eternal*; ſeveral Times expreſſing his Senſe of God's great Goodneſs to him, and was often in great inward Melody, and ſometimes audibly ſang Praiſes to God.

The next Day being the 23d, he remain'd (notwithſtanding his Pains were

were very pungent) patient, and generally ſenſible, and a Siſter-in-Law coming to him, expreſs'd her Trouble to find him ſo weak. He told her, *It is better to come to the Houſe of Mourning, then to the Houſe of Mirth*; and his near Friends weeping about him, he ſaid, *Oh! Why do you trouble me; it is a brave Thing to be quiet*; and being under a painful Operation of his Phyſician, he told us, *That he ſhould live his appointed Time, and no longer: The Lord has been the Keeper of my Soul and Body to this Time; and he will keep me for ever.* He remain'd till after the Middle of the Night in a ſleeping Condition, his Diſtemper lying pretty much in his Head, when awaking, he very livingly utter'd, *O Death! Where is thy Sting? Grave, Where is thy Victory? Lord Jeſus come quickly.* Then his Son-in-Law asking him, *How he did?* He anſwer'd, *I am going into another World.* He call'd his Brother *Joſeph*, and ſaid, *The Lord is good to me*; and pauſing a little, repeated, *O Death! Where is thy Sting? Grave, Where*

Where is thy Victory? Alſo ſignifying he was not afraid of Death, nor of what did come after. About Three or Four in the Morning, he called his Wife, and told her, that after ſome Exerciſe of Mind, he could now tell her, *That he knew that he had a Being yet in this World, and that God would give him a Being hereafter.* This was occaſioned (as was apprehended) by a Struggle with his Diſtemper, affecting his Head, which had for ſome little Time before hindred his Utterance, becauſe that now he ſaid, *He was fully ſatisfy'd.* His Wife ask'd him, *If he had any Thing to ſay to his Children?* He anſwer'd, *They will have a great Loſs of a tender Father.*

Great Part of the next Day, (the 24th) his Spirits and Strength ſo failed, that he ſaid but little, unleſs it was now and then when he ſeem'd to have ſome ſhort Intervals from his Pain. He would thank the Lord, ſpeak of his Goodneſs to him: His Reſignedneſs and Patience was remarkable, for notwithſtanding the Great-

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neſs of his Pains, yet was never obſerved to repine, or utter any irreverent Expreſſions, but in his greateſt Extremity, would praiſe God, and acknowledge his Goodneſs to him; and when his Speech ſo failed, that he could not ſpeak intelligibly to thoſe about him, yet he would clearly and diſtinctly call on the Lord to the laſt.

He deceas'd in great Quietneſs, without either Sigh or Groan, about the Eighth Hour in the Evening, on the 24th of the 10th Month, 1717, Aged about 48 Years.

JOhn *Skelton*, late of *London*, received the *Bleſſed Truth* in the Love of it, by which in Time he was ſanctified, and the Lord through the Work of his *Holy Spirit*, prepared him for, and called him into the *Miniſtry of the Goſpel of Chriſt*; and therein, through the Grace of God, he was enabled, according to the Meaſure of the Gift beſtowed upon him, to be a faithful Labourer;

Labourer; and his Converſation being agreeable to the Truth he preached, and his Love to God and the Brethren was unfeigned, which through Diligence he improv'd, in the Talent received.

In the Year 1716, he was drawn forth in the Love of God to viſit *Friends*, in many Counties of *England* and *Wales*, and the Lord's Living Preſence was with him, to the Joy of his Soul, as he declared.

He travelled in Two Years, 1665 Miles, and after his Return, (for ſeveral Months) he viſited the Meetings of *Friends* in *London*, and the adjacent Parts. When he was taken ill, he had a Complication of Diſtempers, *viz.* Cough, Shortneſs of Breath, and Dropſy. He was in a Heavenly Frame, and reſigned to the Will of God, whether to live or dye; for, ſaid he, *I witneſs Peace with God, through Jeſus Chriſt, in whom alone I truſt for eternal Life and Salvation.* Great Tenderneſs of Spirit appeared in him, and ſeveral other ſweet and comfortable

table Expreſſions at ſundry Times dropt from him. At one Time, (out of many) he ſaid, *The Lord is abundantly Good to my Soul; he hath fitted and prepared me for himſelf.* At another Time he ſaid, *The Lord's Will be done; for I will wait all the Days of my appointed Time, till my Change come.*

He oftentimes made an humble and grateful Mention of the Goodneſs of God, and Love of Chriſt to his Soul, and brake forth into Praiſes to his excellent Name. The Morning before he departed, being asked, *Whether he had any Thing more to ſay to his Wife and Daughter?* Anſwer'd, *I have no more to ſay to them.* A Friend a little after ſaid, *Dear* John, *I perceive thou art not far from thy Journey's End; it will not belong before thou wilt be at thy Heavenly Father's Houſe, where are many Manſions of Bliſs and Glory.* He very ſenſibly anſwer'd, *I hope ſo*; and ſoon after he quietly departed in Peace with the Lord, and is entred in that Bleſſed and Everlaſting Reſt

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that is promiſed to the People of God.

His Body was interred on the 10th of the Firſt Month, 1718, at *Friend's* Burying-Ground, near *Bunhil-Fields*, being accompany'd from the *Peel-Meeting Houſe* by many Friends and others.

Aged 63 Years.

ANNE, Daughter of *Chriſtopher* and *Elizabeth Dixon*, of *Streatlam*, in the County of *Durham*, was from a Child Religiouſly inclined, and tenderly affectionate to thoſe who kept their *Places in the Truth*, being much delighted in reading of good Books, and was of a very ſober Life and Converſation, gaining a good Report, and well-beloved of all; Watchful that ſhe might not offend the Lord, by being an evil Example unto others; who falling Sick of the Small-Pox, upon the 7th Day of the Second Month, 1718, continued in great Weakneſs of Body, the Space of Six Days,

Days, during which Time, these Expreſſions following, amongſt others, were obſerved.

She being under great Affliction, ſaid, *One had need be near the Lord, for we know not how ſoon we may be taken away*: Adding, *I hope the Lord will be merciful unto me, not through my good Works, but by His Favour and great Loving Kindneſs: It's well I lived ſo near the Lord, it ſtands upon us ſo to do, and if the Lord ſhould ſpare me any longer, I hope I ſhould live nearer him then ever*; ſaying, O God, *Remember me*. Alſo ſhe ſaid to her Father, *Dear Father, have a Care that thou do nothing that may offend God; and if thou haſt done any Thing that hath offended him, let the Time paſt be ſufficient*. Alſo deſiring ſome preſent, to tell her Brother *Joſeph Dixon, To live well for the Time to come, and bid her younger Brother be a good Lad, and the Lord will be kind to thee*; exhorting a Couſin then preſent, *Not to mind Pride, and Finery, but the Fear of the Lord*. And being

in ſome Agony of Spirit, ſaid, *Oh! that I had a full Aſſurance of my Entrance*, deſiring all preſent, to withdraw, her Mother only excepted, and turning her Face to the Wall, her Lips being perceiv'd to move, in a little Time ſhe broke forth into Praiſes, ſaying, *I have now received full Aſſurance from the Lord; now I can return Him Praiſes*: O, *Glory to my God!* Repeating it over again, ſaying further, *The Lord was near, and I knew it not*; praiſing the Lord then in an Harmonious Manner. Another Time ſaying, *If I go now, I hope I ſhall be no Diſhonour to the Truth, for I have nothing but Love and good Will to all: I have wronged no Body, neither done an ill Thing (that I know of) in all my Life: I doubt People will praiſe me when I am gone, but all the Praiſe is due to the Lord.* And at another Time being very weak, ſaid, *That tho' my Afflictions be very great, yet I am borne up over them all*; ſaying, *It's a brave Thing to be prepared for a Dying Bed!* Crying, *Lord, haſten thy Work*, ſeveral Times;

Times, expreſſing her Willingneſs to die; and in true Love and Charity with all, departed this Life in Peace with the Lord, upon the 12th, and was buried at *Kaby*, the 15th Day of the ſecond Month, 1718. Aged 26 Years, and about three Months.

JOhn *Crudſon*, of *Kendal*, *Weſtmoreland*, at one Time ſpeaking of the Exerciſes of the Lord's People, ſaid, *The Lord was ſtill with them ſo long as they kept faithful to Him*; mentioning in particular, the wonderful Deliverances of God to the Children of *Iſrael*, while they ſtood faithful to Him. And the great Exerciſe of the Three Children that were caſt into the Fiery Furnace, and their wonderful Preſervation therein, with what became of the Men that caſt them in: As alſo of the Trial of *Daniel* being caſt into the Lyon's Den, and ſtanding faithful to God, was preſerved through all: He, under the Conſideration thereof, adviſed all, *To be True*

and Faithful to the Lord, that they may witneſs Preſervation in, and through all their Exerciſes.

At another Time ſpeaking of being removed hence, he ſaid, *He deſir'd, whether he liv'd or dy'd, it might be to the Glory of God; and that if it pleaſed the Lord to remove him at this Time, He would be a Husband to the Widow, and a Father to the Fatherleſs Children; and that He would be pleaſed to enable him to leave a Teſtimony for him, to them that were left behind*; expreſſing at that Time his great Satisfaction, *That he felt the Salvation near to him.* He was often concern'd to adviſe thoſe preſent, *To be very careful how they ſpent their Time whilſt in Health, for he found there was enough to do when we come upon a Sick-Bed, and that many did not rightly conſider how ſwiftly Time ſlipt away, which ſeemed to him they did not walk in an Exerciſing Path.* He alſo earneſtly deſir'd, *That the Lord would be pleaſed to carry on, and proſper that Great Work he had begun; and that he would be with* Friends *in their*

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ſeveral Meetings for Diſcipline, eſpecially in this Place.

Another Time being in a Heavenly Frame of Mind, he pray'd fervently to the Lord, (to the tendering the Hearts of *Friends* preſent) ſaying, *O Lord, thou knows my Weakneſs and Inability of Body, and that I am as a Worm, and no Man, and ſcarce am able at many Times, to think a good Thought, the Enemy is ſo buſy, now in this Time of my great Weakneſs; yet Moſt Holy Lord, I am humbly thankful to Thee, for that thou haſt been graciouſly pleaſed, to my great Satisfaction, to promiſe thou wilt make War, and fight all my Battles for me: O Lord, thy Love, and the Enjoyment of thy Preſence, is more to me, than all the Enjoyments of this fading World; yea, far beyond all Cordials. I humbly crave it of thee, (if it be thy Will) to favour me therewith more and more, in this Time of great Weakneſs, even to the End. And O Moſt Holy Lord, I am truly thankful to thee, for thy many Favours and Bleſſings to my Family, both Spiritual and*

Temporal; and if it be thy good Pleaſure to ſeparate us, I beg of thee, that thou wilt receive whom thou art pleaſed to remove, and ſtay with them that are left behind.

And Lord thou knows I have many Times been earneſtly concerned in my Spirit for a young Generation, *Grant, that my Children may come up to ſerve thee in thy Fear; and altho' I have educated them according to the beſt of my Underſtanding and Perſwaſion, yet Lord I beg of thee, let them know thy Work in their own Hearts for themſelves, leaſt a Libertine Spirit ſhould at any Time prevail*; and then returning Praiſes to the Lord, who over all is worthy, he concluded ſweetly at that Time.

Another Time ſeveral Friends being preſent, he ſaid, *Dear Friends, I feel ſomething to lean upon my Mind, to ſay unto you, which is, the Lord is wonderful Good to His Choſen and Redeemed People; and altho' I have been very poor, inwardly poor of late, yet may ſay as I have waited upon, and ſought the Lord,*

Lord, He hath been pleased to open unto me the Spring of Life and Truth again, to the comforting of my poor Soul; and tho' my Exercise of Body is, and has been very great, so that I have never had the like in all my Time, never so near Death as I seem to be, yet I feel the supporting Hand of the Lord underneath: And notwithstanding I have as comfortable Enjoyments in this World as most of Men, yet the Enjoyment of Truth is above all.

Dear Friends, labour in your Meetings, and in your Families, to witness the Work of Truth *for your selves, to help over the dark, dull, heavy Spirit, that clouds* Friends *in their Meetings; there is great Need of it for both Old and Young: There's also the Earth, and the Clods of the Earth, that very much hurts the Minds of* Friends, *but as* Friends *abides near the* Truth *in themselves, when they come to dye, they will not want a Crown:* Which, with several other Things relating to his Journey (*i. e.*) to, and from *London*, was to the tendering and Satisfaction of *Friends*;

and ſo he concluded, *With Praiſes, High Praiſes, to the Lord God, and the Lamb, who over all is worthy, now and for ever.* Amen.

He departed this Life the 25th of the 4th Month, 1718, in the 43d Year of his Age, and was bury'd in *Friend*'s Burying-Ground in *Stramangate*, in *Kendal*, *Weſtmoreland*.

A ſhort Account from Ireland, *concerning our Dear deceaſed Friend,* Samuel Randal, *of* Cork, *dated the* 12th *Month,* 1719.

NOT to mention at large his firſt coming to dwell among us (about Forty Years paſt, as ſome of us do remember) when but a young Man, at which Time, by his grave and ſolid Converſation, he adorned the *Bleſſed Truth he made Profeſſion of*, but rather to commemorate his Station and Services in the *Church of Chriſt*, and thoſe Qualifications wherewith the Lord was

was pleaſed to furniſh him withal, whereby he became ſerviceable therein, which, when we conſider, we cannot but be ſorrowfully affected for the great Loſs we have ſuſtained; for, as he was a good Example himſelf, in Plainneſs, Temperance, and Juſtice among Men, ſo he was alſo zealouſly concerned for the *Honour of God*, and the Promotion of His *Holy Truth*; and that Good Order and Diſcipline might be maintained among the Profeſſors thereof; and that Goſpel Order, and the Line of Juſtice and Judgement, might be extended towards looſe, and diſorderly Walkers, that thereby the *Holy Truth* might be cleared from the Reproach and Scandal that ſuch brought upon it.

In his Dealings either with particular Families, or Perſons, he diſcharged his Duty faithfully, without Partiality, or Reſpect of Perſons, wherein he was ſometimes zealouſly ſharp as Occaſion required. And as he was deeply ſenſible, that the World's Converſation, and the eager Purſuit after

the Riches and Greatneſs thereof, was not only hurtful in itſelf, but had proved ſo to many, ſo was he in both Reſpects concerned to be Examplary; for when conſiderable Advantages of getting preſented themſelves, with a very probable Proſpect, he often denied himſelf for Truth and Example Sake. And altho' he had not a *Publick Gift in the Miniſtry*, he was often concerned to ſpeak cloſe and home to the States and Conditions of many, to the reaching their Underſtandings.

And thus in the Place of an Elder, we may ſay he was worthy of double Honour, as giving himſelf up chearfully and willingly to the Service of Truth, not only at Home, but by his conſtant Attendance at National and Province Meetings, frequently attending the former for many Years, in Winter as well as Summer, until of late, being hindred by Age and Weakneſs of his Conſtitution, he could not go ſo frequently as before.

Much more might be ſaid, as to his many and particular Services in Love

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to Truth, and the Churches of Christ, but intending Brevity, have given this ſhort Teſtimony, to be recorded as a Memorial of him, with Deſires, that as the Lord fitted and qualified him for every good Word and Work He concerned him in, ſo He may raiſe up many more to ſupply the Place of him, and the many other worthy Elders, which of late have been removed from among us, that ſo from one Generation to another, a Faithful People there may be, who may be rightly concerned, that the Teſtimony of the Lord's Holy Truth may be kept up in all its Branches.

Of his latter End and Death.

HE was taken violently ill of a Pleuretick Feaver, and ſaid at firſt, *He thought he was Death ſtruck, and was well content to dye; being* (as he ſaid) *weary of a troubleſome World, That he had lived to the Years of his Father, and if it were the Lord's Will, he was contented to go now.* So as one given up and reſigned to the Lord's Will,

Will, ſaid, *He was not afraid of Death, having nothing that ſtood in his Way.* And in the Continuance of his Sickneſs, he ſpoke many ſweet Expreſſions, ſome of which follow: *That he had loved, and ſought the Lord in his youthful Days; and that he had been with him, and preſerved him thro' many Difficulties and Exerciſes. And now* (ſaid he) *I have a Senſe of, and do feel His Goodneſs, which is more Joy to me than all Viſibles; and tho' he has brought me to a weak Bed, I can praiſe His Name*; often lifting up his Hands, making Melody in his Heart: Being one Morning very weak, and ſhort-breathed, he ſpoke of the Goodneſs of the Lord to him: The Evening before, *The ſweet Savour* (ſaid he) *ſtill remains with me*; adding, *That he deſired none of his dear Friends or Relations, would pray for his Recovery, but rather that he might have an eaſy Paſſage, and Patience to bear the Pains of Death.* And as he was often in his Health, deeply concerned for his Children, *That as they grew in Years, they*

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might grow in Truth, and the Fear of the Lord; so he often told them, he was more concerned, *That they might walk orderly, and have a Portion in the Truth, than for the great Things and Riches of this World.* So likewise the Day before he died, he called for them, to whom he gave sweet and heavenly Advice; and particularly he fervently expres'd himself to his Son *Samuel*, *How great his Concern had been for his Welfare every Way, desiring him to seek the Lord, trust in Him, and He would preserve and bless him; also to bring up his Children in the Fear of the Lord, and keep them from evil Company, and to Employments.* And in a general Way to them all, he said thus: *I have been often concern'd for you, that you might seek the Lord for your selves, and live in His Holy Fear, and then it will be well with you when you come to dye.*

After this, he growing weaker and weaker, two Friends coming to see him, he looked cheerfully on them, and said, *I am about finishing my Course;*

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To his Breath growing ſhorter, he lay quiet; and being ſenſible to the laſt, after 8 Days Sickneſs, he (as we are fully ſatisfied) laid down his Head in Peace with the Lord, and in ſweet Unity with his People, the 26th Day of the 4th Month, 1718, and was buryed the 29th of the ſame, Aged about 64 Years.

George Gibſon was born of Believing Parents, who were taken from him when he was but young, yet he was educated among *Friends*; and it pleaſed the Lord to viſit him with his Grace and Good Spirit, in his very tender Years, whereby he was early inclin'd *To ſeek after the Kingdom of God and His Righteouſneſs*; and he being obedient thereunto, came to have an Experience of the Work thereof in himſelf, which made his Converſation Sober and Grave, as became the Religious Profeſſion he made. And it pleaſed God to endue him in a good Meaſure, with a Spirit of Wiſdom, and

and of a ſound Mind, whereby he was enabled to ſtop the Mouths of Gainſayers, while he was yet but young.

And it pleaſed God (who ſaw the Sincerity and Uprightneſs of his Heart) to call him to the *Work of the Miniſtry*, in, or about the 25th Year of his Age, which he entred into with great Fear and Humility. He was ſlow of Speech, and not haſty to deliver what was upon his Mind; and notwithſtanding his Voice was low, the Savour of Life attended his Miniſtry, which he was very careful to wait for, and thereby was made Beautiful, as well as Serviceable and Honourable in the Church; and Godly Care was conſtantly upon him, to adorn his Doctrine, by a Converſation ſuitable thereto, by which he obtained a good Report in the Parts where he dwelt, among thoſe who made not Profeſſion with us. He travelled pretty much in the Work and Service of the Miniſtry in this Nation; he was alſo in *Ireland* and *Scotland*, and his Service was well accepted among *Friends* and others where he came.

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And this is further to be obſerved, that when he was not employed in the *Service of the Miniſtry*, he was very diligent and induſtrious in his outward Buſineſs, thereby endeavouring to maintain his Family, and bring up his Children decently; and it pleaſed the Lord ſo to bleſs his Labours, that the End thereof was anſwered. He was much concerned for his Children's Welfare, not only as to outward Things, but that they might be ſubject unto the Lord his God, often adviſing, and exhorting them, *To fear the Lord in their young and tender Years*, which Advice there is Reaſon to hope, and believe, hath had, and may have ſome good Effect on them.

It pleaſed the Lord to viſit him with the Small-Pox, about the firſt of the Firſt Month, 1718, which were very ſore and hard upon him, but he bore his Affliction with *True Chriſtian Patience, and Reſignation to the Will of God*. He was viſited by divers *Friends*, to whom he expreſs'd, *That he was fully reſign'd to the Will of God*;

God; *and that altho' he had undergone a great deal of Bodily Affliction during his Illneſs, yet it was little to him*; *for he had a Being that was not ſhaken.* And further ſaid, *That if the Lord had any further Service for him in this World, he did not doubt but He was ſufficient to raiſe him again*; *but if it pleaſed God to remove him now, there was nothing ſtood in his Way*: But ſaid, *He could have been glad to have ſeen his Children ſettled in the World*; nevertheleſs added, *Not my Will, but the Lord's Will be done.*

His Diſtemper increaſed upon him until the Twelfth of the ſame Month, when a little before he died, his Son aſked him, *How he did?* unto whom, (after a little Pauſe) he anſwer'd, *I am under Grace, in the Power of Truth, and that is my Comfort*; which was the laſt Sentence he was heard to ſpeak, and ſo quietly departed this Life, the 12th Day of the Firſt Month, 1718, at his Dwelling-houſe in *Thetford*, in the County of *Norfolk*, in the Forty Eighth Year of his Age, having laboured in the

the Miniſtry about Twenty Two Years, and was buried in *Friends* uſual Burial-Ground in the ſaid Town.

MArgaret *Fothergill*, late Wife of *John Fothergill*, in *Wenſledale*, *Yorkſhire*, was carefully educated (when a Child) by her Parents, amongſt the People called *Quakers*; and while ſhe was but very young, did not only delight to go to *Friend's Meetings*, but came under a Concern of Heart, *That ſhe might become acquainted with the Lord for herſelf, and be made a Partaker of his Quickning Power and Vertue in her own Soul*: Which Concern the Lord was pleaſed to regard, and graciouſly came in upon her Heart, by his Power and Love, and thereby helped her to draw near him, and worſhip him knowingly, while ſhe was but very young. And as ſhe grew up, ſhe continued to delight in waiting upon God, and feeling after his Goodneſs ſecretly, through the pure Influence whereof, ſhe came to be cloathed with a meek

a meek and quiet Spirit, and alſo helped to ſhew it forth in a grave, modeſt, and examplary Behaviour; becauſe whereof, ſhe was much beloved by moſt that knew her: And ſome Time before ſhe was married, (being likely to leave her own Country,) ſhe came under ſome Exerciſe to exhort Friends in ſeveral of their Meetings, to a cloſe walking with, and a true depending upon God; and to beware of an unconcern'd Mind when they appear'd before Him in Meetings; which Exerciſe ſhe made mention of (being freſh in her Mind) on her dyeing Bed.

After ſhe was marry'd, ſhe continued a true Lover of Meetings, and a *humble Waiter for the Reſurrection of the Life of Truth*, right well knowing therein is all Ability, for the Performance of Worſhip acceptable to the Lord. And as ſhe was often attended with Fear and Care, leaſt any Thing ſhould divert her Mind from the fervent Search after the *Truth itſelf*, which is abſolutely neceſſary, ſo would often

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expreſs her Sorrow of Heart concerning a Dullneſs and Indifferency, ſhe apprehended to be growing upon ſome People's Minds, who had profeſſed the Truth long.

And notwithſtanding her being often unfit for attending Meetings, as ſhe had a good Will to do, eſpecially Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, by Reaſon of having divers young Children, and ſometimes being very tender and weakly as to her Conſtitution of Body, yet would ſhe often expreſs her Care, that the *Affairs of Truth* in thoſe Meetings, might be managed with ſuitable Zeal and Care for the Glory of God; ſometimes ſaying, *She could be glad, and was not without Hopes, of living to be a little more at Liberty to attend thoſe Services, and to diſcharge herſelf more fully amongſt Friends for Righteouſneſs Sake*, Whereof ſhe was a Pattern in her Converſation, being humbly careful, that the Lord's Holy Name might be glorified. And when ſhe was delivered of her laſt Child, and got to Bed, ſhe expreſs'd much

much Thankfulneſs to the Lord, ſaying in a reverend Mind, *How ſhall we be thankful enough for all His Help and wonderful Goodneſs!* And altho' ſhe was as hopefully got ſo far as at any other Time, (that being her eighth Child) yet did ſhe grow ſuſpicious of herſelf, and the third Day after did diſcover her Apprehenſions of being taken away, in theſe Words: *I wonder that I cannot be troubled that I am like to leave my Little Ones, and my dear Husband*; which Expreſſions nearly affecting her Husband, ſhe added *They*, (meaning her Children) *will be cared for*; *and Thou*, (meaning her Husband) *will be helped*; *and there is a Place prepared for me.* And after continued in a ſteady Expectation of being taken away, and ſpoke of Things relating thereto, with ſuch Chearfulneſs and Reſignation, as was much admired: And ſpake to divers Perſons in particular, adviſing, *To prize their Time, and make right Uſe of the Viſitation of God to them.* And ſhe alſo expreſs'd herſelf in a Living Concern, *That young*

young People, [*amongſt* Friends] *might not content themſelves with bare going to Meetings:* And ſaid in a weighty Manner, *It will not do; it will not do;* and ſo ſpake of her own Concern, and Deſire to meet with the Lord in her young Years, when ſhe went to Meetings; *and that ſhe could not be content without His Preſence, or His Love; and humbly acknowledged His Mercy and Goodneſs to her, from her Youth upward:* And alſo ſaid, *That ſhe had often thought herſelf poor and bare, but ſhe followed on after Him, and could not let Him alone:* And humbly acknowledged, *He had often appear'd to her as a Morning without Clouds;* and her Heart then being filled with the Love of God, with unſpeakable Joy in the Holy Spirit, ſhe ſung Praiſes and Hallelujah's to the Lord God, and the Lamb her Saviour, for his Loving Kindneſs and Goodneſs to her, in many Reſpects, till that very Time.

Another Time one coming into ſee her, of whom ſhe quickly took Notice, called her by Name, and charged

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Her to be careful about going to Meetings among the Lord's People; and that she did not go in a careless, or unconcerned Mind, but [illegible] *down at His Foot-stool, and wait to hear his Gracious Words:* And charged her to tell her Daughter thereof, and so spake further, *Of the Sorrow which had seized upon her Spirit, because of an unconcerned Mind, and Indifferency, with respect to waiting for the Knowledge of the Truth itself, that she had seen coming in among Friends, which that Day, (or then about)* she said, *She well remember'd, she had to advise Friends against the last Time she had any Thing to say in Meetings before she left her own Country.* And with great Weight further said, *It is great, or absolute Mockery, to go to sit down before the Lord in Meetings, in a careless Mind:* And after some little Stillness, in the Strength of the Word of Life she said, *There was a terrible Day of Judgement coming, or hastening upon the Backsliders in Sion.* And after that she seemed to be easier in her Spirit, and lying some

ſome Time more ſtill, her Husband ſoftly ask'd her, *How ſhe was?* She reply'd, *Well, or pretty well, my Love; I find nothing but Eaſe, and Peace.* And tho' her Weakneſs had then prevailed much upon her, and ſhe lay pretty ſtill for ſome Time, yet her Strength was renewed in the *Power of Truth*, wherein ſhe brake forth in Supplication, in a very humble and fervent Manner, for the *Church in General*; and alſo mentioned her *Little Ones*. And farther ſaid, *Let me be bowed down before the Lord, that the Fruit of my Body may be enriched with the ſame Favour, Love, and Goodneſs*; and ſo went on in praiſing and glorifying God, in the Aboundings of his Love, and merciful Goodneſs, to the tendering the Hearts of moſt about her. And after ſome Time, ſhe being intreated to endeavour after Reſt, or Sleep, ſhe anſwered, *I had a fine, or eaſie Day Yeſterday, but this will be a hard Day for I think I ſhall reſt little more, till I reſt for altogether*; that being about

or before the Middle of the Day; and so she continued in humble Acknowledgments to the Lord for his Goodness and Mercy, and in Praises to Him, who she often said, was *Worthy, worthy of it, for evermore*, so long as her Words was intelligible.

And tho' she had a hard Struggle with Death, yet the Sting of it being taken away, she seemed not to regard it, or complain, her Spirit being borne over it, by the Sense of Joy and lasting Pleasure she was near to launch into the full Fruition of; and that Evening she departed, being the fifth Day of her lying in Child-bed, and the sixteenth Day of the Second Month, 1719, in the Forty Second Year of her Age; and was buried the 18th Day in Friends Burying-Place, accompany'd with a great Concourse of People, amongst whom the *Testimony of Truth* was borne, in the Power and Goodness of the Lord Almighty, to the Comfort and Strengthning of many.

TObias Edwards of *Fordmill*, near *Warwick*, in the ſame County, was born in the Eighth Month, 1642, and was convinced of the *Bleſſed Truth* as profeſſed by the People called *Quakers*, about the Year 1666, (in a Meeting of *Friends* that was held in *Warwick* Goal, many *Friends* being then Priſoners there for their *Teſtimony to the Truth*) and about the Year 1674 received a *Gift in the Miniſtry*, in which he was a zealous, diligent, and faithful Labourer. The Manner of his Miniſtry was plain, but very powerful and affecting, not in the inticeing Words of Man's Wiſdom, but in the *Demonſtration of the Spirit*; and the Tendency of it many Times was to encourage, and preſs *Friends* to a diligent Waiting upon the Lord, that none might content themſelves only with a Belief, Profeſſion, and outward Shew of the *Way of Truth*, but that all might come to know and experience the Work of the *Spirit of Truth* upon the

their own Hearts, that they might depend upon it for Relief and Comfort in all Times of Trials, Afflictions and Temptations which attend the Faithful. He grew very laborious in his Service in his latter Time, being concerned in Love to visit some of the Meetings of *Friends* in several adjacent Counties, in which his Service was very acceptable.

He had also a *Gift in Prayer*, very powerful, in which he was frequently exercised both in our Publick Assemblies, and at his Visits to *Friends* in their Families. He made frequent Visits to the Afflicted, and to the Poor, as well to Persons of other Persuasions as *Friends*; and at such his Visits, he was often concerned in Exhortation, which was weighty, seasonable, and helpful; and also he was often moved to supplicate the Lord on their behalf, which plainly declared, *He sought the Good of all Souls*; and those his Visits, were very serviceable and acceptable to Persons of divers Persuasions.

The Lord not only gave him to be-
lieve, but alſo to ſuffer Impriſonment
for his *Teſtimony to the Truth*, againſt
that Antichriſtian Yoke of Tythes
with a Godly Reſolution, in Patience
and Reſignation to the Will of the
Lord: He was committed to Priſon
the 17th of the Third Month, 1718
and continued a Priſoner until he died
but through the Kindneſs of the Goal-
er, had Liberty of going to Meet-
ings, and to viſit his Relations and
Friends.

The 6th of the Seventh Month, 1719
he ſpake in *Warwick-Meeting*, (being
the laſt Meeting he was at) to this
effect) *That Calamities would come upon*
the careleſs Profeſſors of theſe Times;
and deſir'd, *That the Profeſſors of Truth*
would lay it to Heart; for if they were
found unfaithful to the Gift of God that
is manifeſted in their Hearts, the Lord
would be more ſevere with them in
Judgement, than to others that know
not the Truth. At the Cloſe of his
Teſtimony, he ſaid, *That he felt what*
lay upon his Spirit, bore great Weight

ſo was willing to come to that Meeting to clear himſelf, not knowing whether he might have the like Opportunity again.

He was taken ill the 13th of the ſame Month, and one of his Sons being about to give him ſomething to eaſe him, chearfully ſaid, *It may be the Hour is coming that I have long looked for, and deſired.* He was brought very weak, yet ſaid, *The Lord dealt very favourably with him.*

On the Eighteenth, Two Friends went to viſit him, and one of them at taking Leave, ſaid, *Farewel.* He anſwer'd, *He did fare well*; and ſpake much of the Goodneſs and Kindneſs of the Lord unto him. The other Friend ſaid, *I do not bid thee Farewel, knowing and finding thou doſt fare well; and that it will not be long before thou doſt enter into thy Everlaſting Farewel.* To which he anſwer'd to this effect, *I deſire that I may not be covetous, to think the Lord's Time too long, but that I may be endued with Patience, to wait the Lord's Time, until I am brought*

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lieve, but also to suffer Imprisonment
for his *Testimony to the Truth*, against
that Antichristian Yoke of Tythes
with a Godly Resolution, in Patience
and Resignation to the Will of the
Lord: He was committed to Prison
the 17th of the Third Month, 1718
and continued a Prisoner until he died
but through the Kindness of the Goal-
er, had Liberty of going to Meet-
ings, and to visit his Relations and
Friends.

The 6th of the Seventh Month, 171
he spake in *Warwick-Meeting*, (being
the last Meeting he was at) to the
effect) *That Calamities would come upon*
the careless Professors of these Times,
and desir'd, *That the Professors of Truth*
would lay it to Heart; for if they were
found unfaithful to the Gift of God that
is manifested in their Hearts, the Lord
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into the full Enjoyment of it. After this, he expreſs'd himſelf to the ſame Purpoſe as when laſt at Publick Meeting, *viz. That the Lord would try us all one Way or another; ſome would be tried with deep Temptations of the Enemy of their Souls; and that the Lord would try the Profeſſors of Truth, and others alſo; and that thoſe who are not faithful to the Lord, during the Day of their Viſitation, he would be ſevere in Wrath againſt them.* Then was drawn forth in Supplication to the Lord, not only for His Church and People, but alſo for all People, under whatſoever Perſwaſion or Profeſſion of Religion, that they might be brought near to the Lord.

At another Time he ſpake of the merciful Dealings of God towards this Nation, and by Way of Query, ſaid, *What Reformation hath it wrought in a General Way?* ſays he. *But little as I can ſee; except in here and there a poor Creature; but I believe the Lord will deal in his Severity, and make them know that He is God.*

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During the Time of his Illneſs, he did often expreſs the Refreſhment that he received in the Viſits of *Friends*: At one Time when a *Friend* made him a Viſit, and was concerned in Supplication to the Lord, That he would be pleaſed to be with him, and give him an Anſwer of Peace in his Boſom, for all his faithful Services of Love amongſt His People; and if it were the Lord's Pleaſure to remove him, that he would pleaſe to raiſe up more faithful Labourers in his Stead; the powerful Preſence of the Lord was then with him, and he poured out his Soul in Prayer and Praiſes to God, to the tendering of the Hearts of all preſent, and then ſaid, *Oh! how Good the Lord is; how comfortable hath he made his Sickneſs; how hath my Soul longed for this.* At another Time, when ſeveral Friends were come to viſit him, he ſaid, *I am but weak of Body, but pretty well content to bear it:* And added further; *I have been willing to bear my Exerciſe, and to ſuffer Affliction with the People of God; for they*

that will not ſuffer, cannot be the People of God: They that ſhuffle, and will not bear the Croſs, will not be accepted of God, but He will turn them of
And being raiſed up in his Bed, he ſaid, *Friends, I am glad to ſee you; I deſire you may be watchful, and have true Regard to the Truth in your ſelves, that ſo you may be preſerved by it, and come to be acquainted with the Goodneſs and Love of God, which I feel is renewed to my Soul: And alſo rightly to know your ſelves, that ſo you may not be beguiled by the Enemy; for ſome, for want of having a right Knowledge of themſelves, have ſoared aloft in their Minds and not coming down to the True Witneſs in themſelves, have been miſtaken thinking it to be well with them, when they have been enſnar'd by the Enemy. But*, ſaid he, *by the Light of the* Lord Jeſus, *you may ſee your States clearly. We had need* (added he) *to be very careful to watch againſt the Enemy, for he is very ſubtle, and hath many Wiles, lurking Places, and crafty Ways to beguile poor Souls. I could be glad, if*

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was able, to ſpeak of them, and lay them all open, that you might be forewarned, and ſo eſcape his Snares.

He alſo adviſed Friends, *Not to be over careful about the Things of this World, and thereby bring themſelves into Forgetfulneſs of God.* He deſired Friends would not forget his Words: *For,* (ſaid he) *I knew not that I ſhould have been thus concerned amongſt you, but am helped by the Grace of Jeſus Chriſt.* Theſe Things he ſpake with much Sweetneſs and Weight, to the refreſhing and tendering the Hearts of *Friends* then preſent.

At another Time, being the 20th of the Seventh Month, and three Days before his Death, ſeveral *Friends* being in his Room, he ſaid, *The Work he was called to, was hard for him to expreſs, becauſe of the Weakneſs of his Body*; adding, *We ſhould not judge according to outward Appearance: But u* (ſays he) *you have been often exhorted, ſo now be ſtedfaſt in waiting on the Lord as oft as you can, not only in*

Meetings, but out of Meetings, in your Families, &c.

He was much enlarg'd in Teſtimony, but being very weak the latter Part, could not be ſo clearly underſtood: He taking his Leave of *Friends*, deſired *Thoſe near him, to viſit him as oft they could; for they were a Comfort to him.* After this, he was heard to ſpeak but little, except to expreſs, *The Love and Goodneſs of God unto his Soul, and to return Thanks and Praiſes unto God for the ſame.*

He died the 23d of the Seventh Month, 1719, and was buried the 27th of the ſame, in *Friends* Burying-Ground in *Warwick.*

Aged — — 77 } Years.
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THomas Rudd of *Wharfe*, near *Settle* in *Yorkſhire*, was convinced of the Bleſſed Truth in the early Part of his Days, and ſoon after raiſed up to bear a faithful Teſtimony for the ſame, being called into the *Work of the Miniſtry*, by the Viſitation of God from on high, agreeable to the Account given of him by *Friends*, of the Monthly Meeting of *Settle*, in the County of *York* aforeſaid, to which he belonged, and who have given Teſtimony concerning him, from a certain Knowledge of his Life and Converſation amongſt them, as well as of his Labours and Services, on the Account of *Truth* in divers Reſpects: That he was raiſed up to be a ſerviceable Inſtrument for the Good of many, and in his Publick Teſtimony, from a Senſible Experience in himſelf, of the dealings of God, he became a faithful and diligent Labourer in the *Work of the Miniſtry*, and zealous for the Honour of God, and Good of People's Souls; and

and travelled in many Places of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, as well as ſome other remote Parts, in order to preach Repentance, and warn People to fear the mighty God of Heaven and Earth, *Who is, and will be*, (as he often uſed to ſay) *a Juſt and Terrible God to the Workers of Iniquity, of what Kind ſoever, yet a faithful Rewarder of all thoſe that wait upon him in Truth and Sincerity*: Being often exerciſed after this Manner, in the Streets and Market Places of many Towns and Cities where he travelled, as well as other Places of Publick Concourſe, wherein his Labours many Times had a good Effect, being favoured upon certain Occaſions, with remarkable Inſtances of that *Eminent Hand of Power that attended him therein*, ſometimes to the convincing of Gainſayers.

And for this his Labour of Love, he in his Day and Time, had his various Exerciſes and Afflictions, being many Times impriſon'd, as well as ſorely beaten and abuſed, all which he patiently endured, and like a faithful

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and valiant Soldier, did not turn his Back in the Day of Battel, but on the contrary approved himself a faithful Warriour in the Christian Warfare wherein he was engaged; having an Eye of Faith, whereby he was made to see, as well as taste of the Recompence and Reward of the diligent Servant, *who is careful to improve his Master's Talent*, as it's believed this esteemed Friend was, agreeable to his Measure, and the Dispensation of the Gospel committed to him, being much in publick Service abroad for divers Years, which, together with his long Imprisonment, often occasioned him to be absent from his Family and Friends, to whom, when present, his Company was very acceptable, he being a Loving Husband to his Wife, a tender Father to his Children, and also very serviceable amongst his Friends; not only in Word and Doctrine, in which he often laboured in Meetings, with great Sweetness, Fervency and Zeal, but also in the Work of Discipline, being earnest after, and

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greatly desirous for the Prosperity of the *Work of Truth in all*; and more especially, that the Camp of God might be kept clean, and that Spiritual *Israel* might be Beautiful, and in no wise stained with any of the vain Customs, Fashions, or corrupt Spirit of the World.

It was for this End he fervently laboured both at Home and Abroad, wherein he expos'd himself to many Hardships and Perils of several Kinds, until his Natural Strength, and the Ability of his Outward Man was very much spent; by which he was prevented from attending Meetings, (as in the Time of Health he diligently used to do) wherein he was very Examplary in coming exactly at the Hour appointed, advising Friends to Constancy and Diligence therein, and not to be careless or negligent in that great and incumbent Duty.

In the Time of his Bodily Weakness, he had his Memory and Understanding very clear and sound, till

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near the Time of his Departure, and always ſhewed great Gladneſs to ſee *Friends*. It was his great Delight to inquire after, and hear tell of the *Affairs of Truth, and the Proſperity thereof among Friends*; and therein his Deportment and Behaviour was very comfortable, as well as edifying to divers who had ſuch Opportunities with him; ſo that it was plainly manifeſted his chief Concern was for the *Proſperity of Truth, and Friends Growth and Increaſe therein*; having alſo an Exerciſe upon his Mind, in reſpect of the Youth among *Friends*, that they might be preſerved from the many Snares and Intanglements of this Life, he himſelf being carefully concerned to be an Example of Humility, Patience, and Self-denial.

At a certain Time, being viſited by a *Friend* in the Time of his Weakneſs, he expreſſed himſelf after this manner. *I have of late Time, had under my Conſideration, the various and unuſual Exerciſes I have met with in the Courſe of my Life, and the many great Af-*

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ſtictions I have undergone for Truth's Sake, wherein I have now Cauſe to rejoyce, that I was made willing faithfully to diſcharge that Concern which many Times was laid upon me. I have the Comfort of it now in my declining Days, for I feel the Reward of Peace and Satisfaction in my inward Man, which is a ſufficient Recompence for all my Labour, notwithſtanding I have met with many Exerciſes in my Time.

His Bodily Weakneſs increaſing upon him, and finding his outward Man yet more and more to decay, he was often ready to expect his Latter End drew nigh, which brought a freſh and renewed Concern upon his Mind, like a wiſe Virgin, *To examine how he was prepared to meet the Heavenly Bridegroom.*

Another Time a Friend going to viſit him, he in great Brokenneſs of Heart, ſeveral times ſaid, *It is enough; it is enough that I feel inward Peace.* And further added, *Altho' I have jeoparded my Life many Times, in anſwering what I believed the Lord required*

quired of me, it's all too little. And alſo ſaid, *If any inquire after my Concluſion, let them know its in Peace with the Lord*: And ſo continued for ſome Time in that tender Frame of Spirit, even as though he were filled with a Divine Senſe of the Love of God. And at ſeveral Times afterwards, he was heard to ſay, *O what an excellent Thing it is to be at Peace with the Lord and all Men.*

There is no Cauſe to think, but that he had the comfortable Aſſurance and Evidence of Peace and Reconciliation with God, through Jeſus Chriſt, having been faithfully concerned in his Day and Time, according to the *Gift, or Meaſure of Grace beſtowed on him*; whereby he was made Inſtrumental to turn many to Righteouſneſs; and having ſerved the Lord and His People in his Generation, it is believed he hath laid down his Head in Peace, and is entred into that Reſt prepared for the Righteous, according to *Rev.* 14 13. *Bleſſed are the Dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, ſaith*

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the Spirit, that they may rest from their Labours, and their Works do follow them.

He died at his own House at *Wharfe*, near *Settle*, the Twenty Second Day of the 12th Month, and was buried on the 25th of the same, in the Year 1719, at *Friend*'s Burying Ground in *Settle*, about the 76th Year of his Age.

Sarah the Wife of *Robert Clark*, of the Parish of *Bartholomew the Great*, *London*, was convinced of the Blessed Truth in the One and Twentieth Year of her Age, and about the Nine and Thirtieth thereof, her Mouth was sometimes opened in Meetings in Testimony to that Truth she was a Witness of.

She was one that aimed after a Life of Righteousness, Godliness, Faith, &c. Often exercised with Bodily Distempers, which she bore patiently. In her last Illness, being visited by several *Friends*, one then present, was so affected with the Sense he had

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of the Goodneſs of God to her Soul, that he could not omit penning down the following *Savory Sayings* that dropped from her Mouth, and communicating them to others.

I have been (ſaid ſhe) *more concerned for the Subſtance, than for the Form; and that I might be a Preacher in Life and Converſation, more than in Words.*

Again, *My Deſire was, that the Lord would be pleaſed to make me throughly and entirely clean, that nothing might be wanting to render me acceptable in his Sight.*

Then, after a little Pauſe, ſhe ſaid, *I witneſs my Peace to be made with God, through* Jeſus Chriſt, *and am willing to depart when he pleaſeth: Death has no Sting; for through the Grace of God, I can ſay with the Apoſtle* Paul, O *Death, Where is thy Sting, O Grave, Where is thy Victory?* 1 Cor. xv. 55.

One aſking her how ſhe was reconciled to part from her Husband and Children?

She anſwered, *I enjoyed them in the Lord, and when He is pleaſed to call me away,*

away, I hope I ſhall be willing to leave them to Him; for His Love is more to me, than all the World.

And as one having full Aſſurance of Faith, ſhe ſaid, but in a very humble Manner, *I know that my Redeemer lives, and becauſe he lives, I ſhall live alſo.*

Adding, as Conſcious of her own Weakneſs, *I have no Ability of my own, but all my Ability is of God.*

She continued for ſome Weeks after under much Infirmity of Body, but was preſerved in an Heavenly Frame of Spirit, and on the Seventh of the Firſt Month, 1720, ſhe departed this Life: And after a very large and good Meeting at the *Peel*, on the 12th following, her Body was interred in *Friends* Burial-Ground, near *Bunhill-Fields*, ſhe being Aged about Fifty Years.

Alice

ALice *Hayes*, was born of Honeſt Parents, at *Rickmanſworth* in *Hartfordſhire*, in the Year 1657, who Educated, and brought her up in the Profeſſion of the Church of *England*.

It pleaſed the Lord to make known his Truth to her, about the Year 1680, by that Servant of the Lord, whoſe Name was *Elizabeth Stamper*. She was called forth into the *Work of the Miniſtry*, and concerned to viſit the Churches in ſeveral Parts of this Nation, and divers have been reached and convinced through *Her Miniſtry*. As alſo ſhe travelled through *Holland*, into *Germany*, as far as *Fredricſtadt*, and had excellent Service; and many were reached and tendred by Her Miniſtry, *it being in the Demonſtration and Power of the Spirit*.

She removed out of *Hartfordſhire*, and came to ſettle at *Tottenham*, about the Year 1712; and *Friends* had True Unity with her, both with reſpect to her innocent exemplary Life and Converſation,

verſation, and alſo *Her Gift in the Miniſtry*, in which ſhe was made very ſerviceable, for the Encouragement of *Friends* to Faithfulneſs, in every Branch of their Teſtimony: And did frequently attend Meetings of Buſineſs, in which ſhe often gave very ſolid and ſeaſonable Advice.

She being at the Yearly Meeting in *London*, in the Year 1720, was taken ill, but her Love being ſtrong to her *Friends* there, ſhe ſtay'd ſome Days, and then returned Home to her Houſe at *Tottenham*, and grew weaker and weaker, till ſhe quietly departed this Life like a Lamb. But during the Time of her Sickneſs, ſhe gave much good Advice and Council to her Family, as alſo to others who came to viſit her; and drop'd many *Sweet Sayings* of her comfortable Enjoyment of the Lord's Preſence, ſome of which are as follows.

James Dickinſon, and *Peter Fearon*, came to viſit her in their Return from *London*, and had a comfortable Time with her, and ſhe broke forth in Admiration

miration of the Lord's Goodneſs that attended His Servants, and at that Time had inlarged their Hearts together; and ſhe ſaid, *She truſted the Lord would be with them, and be with her to the End, and help ſafely through; deſiring to be remembred by them in their near Approaches to the Lord, when ſeparated: As alſo to give her Love to her dear Friends in the* North, *not expecting to ſee them again:* But ſaid, *All would be well.* She was reſigned to the Lord's Time, and deſir'd, *The Lord would conduct them ſafe to their Families, and give them plentifully to enjoy of His Peace, for their Labours in His Work and Service.*

At another Time, a Friend of *Tottenham* coming to viſit her, and ſome more Friends coming in, ſhe ſaid, *Oh! Love one another, and the Lord make you a Living People unto himſelf, and preſerve you in perfect Love and Unity. I am,* ſaith ſhe, *in perfect Love to all People*; with many more weighty Expreſſions, and then deſired Friends, *To give her up freely to her God:* Saying,

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I am willing to dye, and I hope it will not be long first: But Oh! I would go exactly in the Lord's Time. And all that I desire is, That the Lord's Presence may be continued to me, and then I fear not the pinching Time, The Hour of Death. *My God is my Resurrection and my Glory; here is my Strength, my Refuge, and I am throughly resigned to His Will: And it will be but a little Time, and my Soul shall sing Praise to the Lord on Mount* Sion, *with the Redeemed of Him, out of the Reach of Trouble.*

Our ancient Friend, *George Whitehead,* was several Times to visit her in the Time of her Weakness, and had comfortable Seasons with her, wherein she expres'd her great Satisfaction in his kind and tender Visits.

Some Friends being come to visit her at another Time, she broke forth in a tender Frame of Spirit, and said, *I do wait on my God, and He is a God of Everlasting Loving Kindness, and has been Good to my Soul all my Life long.* And then said, *Friends, do not put off making*

making your Peace with Him, till you come upon a Dying Bed. Here is enough to do, to labour under the Afflictions of the Body: I would not be without the Favour of God now, for all the World. The Lord, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, my God, and your God, Bless you, and be a God to you in all your Trials; for he hath been so to me, A sufficient Helper in Times of Trouble.

Several young People being with her at another Time, she tenderly advis'd them, *To be Good, and serve God, faithfully, and not put off the great Work of their Day to the last, but timely to prepare for a Dying Hour; that* [said she] *you may have Oil in your Lamps, and be in Readiness, whenever that Time shall come.*

And farther said, *It hath been the way of my Heart to go to a Meeting, and to meet with the Lord there, but much more Joy it will be to my Soul, to meet with Him in Heaven, and to have a Place in His Kingdom; Through Mercy, I am under no Terror of Death, but am*

in True Peace. Oh! Bleſſed be my God for ever, His Goodneſs is exceeding large. I would praiſe Him for His Goodneſs, but that I am very weak, and deſire, if it be His Will, not to ſee the Light of another Day, my Affliction being great; but all in His own Time; And then broke forth in Prayer, ſaying, *Dear God, make my Paſſage eaſy*; and deſired to be ſupported under her Affliction, which at Times was very ſharp; yet ſhe bore it all with great Patience, ſtill looking to the Lord her Comforter, under the deepeſt Provings. And often ſaid, *O my dearest Lord Jeſus, receive my Spirit, for I long to be with my Saviour; yet let me not offend Thee, but patiently wait thy Time.*

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ing in its proper Place, and concerned for the Honour of Truth, in maintaining Good Order in the Church, &c.

At another Time near her End, she desir'd, *Her dear Love might be remembred to all Friends, wishing well to them, and to their Posterity.* And desir'd them about her, when they should see her a going to breathe out her last Moments, *To be very still, and inward with the Lord in their Spirits, breathing for her easie Passage:* Adding, *All will be well; I am going Home, I am going Home; I have done with the World, and all that is in it; but breathe the Lord may pour out of His Spirit upon a young Generation, that they may serve Him in Cleanness of Heart.* And farther said, *She had fought the Good Fight, and should obtain the Crown immortal:* Adding, *My Beloved is mine, and I am His: He is my All in All.* And then pray'd sweetly, *Oh! Everlasting God, and Mighty* Jehovah, *send the Angel of thy Power and Presence, to conduct my Soul into thy Heavenly Mansion, my Holy King, where there is Joy,*

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and Rejoycing, and Singing of Praiſes for evermore. Into thy Arms, Sweet Lord Jeſus Chriſt, I offer up my Soul and Spirit.

The laſt Words ſhe was heard to ſay, her Voice being low, was, *The Lord my God will help me.* She was a Lover of Peace and Unity, and did promote it to the utmoſt of her Underſtanding; and in her Miniſtry very plain and powerful: But Oh! to the diſconſolate, it often drop'd like Rain, and run like Oil to the Wounded; and ſhe had a Word in Seaſon to moſt, or all Conditions. But ſhe is now removed, and no doubt entred into that *Joy and Bliſs prepared for the Righteous.*

One Thing muſt not be omitted, ſhe greatly deſir'd the Lord, by His Good Preſence, might attend the Meeting at her Interment, which was eminently anſwered, ſhe being accompany'd by many *Friends*, and others, to *Winchmore-Hill Meeting*, where divers Living Teſtimonies were borne, and the Way of Salvation opened, and many Hearts tendred by the Lord's Power.

She departed this Life the 8th Day of the 7th Month, 1720, Aged about Sixty Three Years, and was buried the 13th of the same, in *Friend's* Burying-Ground at *Winchmore Hill*.

JOhanna, Wife of *Israel Noyes*, of *Bradford*, in the County of *Wilts*, and Daughter of *Jeffery Pinnel*, of *Bristol*, deceas'd, was a Vertuous Maiden; a Loving and Affectionate Wife; a tender Mother, a kind Mistress, and a good Neighbour; and had a True Sense of the *Blessed Truth*, which seasoned her Heart, and she was very Solid, and truly Religious, and lov'd to go to Meeting Week-Days as well as First Days, and was well fitted for her Change: She is, no doubt, entered into that Glorious City, and Place of Rest, that is prepared for all the Followers of the Lamb, where all Sorrow and Sighing shall flye away, and the Lord God will wipe away all Tears from their Eyes.

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She Lay-in the Nineteenth Day of the Fifth Month, 1720, and was fine and well in her Condition, for about three Weeks after, and then her Stomach failed her, and she was attended with a Cough and intermitting Fever, so she grew weaker and weaker, and on the Sixth Day of the Eleventh Month, she took to her Chamber; and tho' her Weakness increased, yet her inward Man grew stronger and stronger. She often signify'd how Good the Lord was to her, and desir'd her Husband, *To bring up her Children in the Way of Truth, and keep them to Friends Schools, that they might be kept to the Plain Language.* Also she desir'd of the Lord, *That He would be pleased to make them His Servants.*

She oft-times was in a Heavenly Frame of Mind, and told those present, *That the Lord had given her a full Assurance that it would be well with her, and she should go to that Glorious Kingdom of Rest and Peace.* She desir'd her Husband, *To take Care to live in the Fear of God*; and at the same Time

adwis'd her Sister, *Anne Pinnel*, and her Sister in Law, *Mary Tyler*, to keep to their Exercises in Meetings, telling them, *They had no Assurance of Time here, and that it would not do barely to go to Meeting, but they should be diligent to wait upon God in Meetings.* *She felt so much of the Power of the Lord, that it made her Cup to overflow.* She express'd, *That the Power of the Lord was in such an extraordinary Manner with her, that she seemed to be in Heaven already.* And several Relations being present with her at that Time, were deeply affected before the Lord, under a Living Sense of His Mighty Power, that was then felt amongst them to their great Comfort; a Day 'tis hoped, never to be forgotten by them. Also she said, *The Spirit of the Lord in her, strengthned her to speak:* She signified, *Her Children were near, but she could not see Room to desire to stay from Heaven for them.* She bore her Illness patiently, and with much Resignation of Mind to the Will of the Lord, often saying, *Lord, if Thou*

Thou art ſo, to take me, I am ready; and often ſupplicated the Name of the Lord, and had a longing Deſire to be diſſolved, and be at Reſt.

Another Time, on a Firſt Day Morning, ſhe ſaid, *Ah! This is Firſt Day; ſometimes I have had good Meetings, and if I was well, I would go to Meeting.* And ſaid to her Husband, *My Dear, the Sweetneſs of the Lord's Spirit is upon me, to a great Degree.* A little before her Departure, ſhe often ſaid, *Come Lord Jeſus, and receive the Soul of thy Handmaid*: Alſo ſhe ſpoke to her Servant-Maid, and deſir'd her, *To think on the Hour of Death*; and adviſ'd her, *Not to tell Lyes*; and preſſed upon her, *To mind her Advice, as they were the Words of her Dying Miſtreſs.*

She ſaid the Night before ſhe departed, *O Lord be pleaſed to give me a little Eaſe, and take me to thy Self; for here is nothing but Ups and Downs in this World; Trouble on one Hand, and Trouble on the other:* And then ſhe broke out in a Heavenly Frame of Mind, ſaying, *O Lord, Thou art a Fountain of*

Living Mercies; and desir'd, *That the Spirit of the Lord might remain upon her Aunt and Sister*, that were then present with her, continuing praising the Lord. She said to her Mother-in-Law, *The Lord has made thee a Mother to me*; and in a While after, *Mother, now I shall be in Heaven in a little Time.*

She quietly departed this Life, like one falling into a sweet Sleep, between the second and third Hour in the Afternoon, on the Fourth Day of the Week, and the Twenty Second of the Twelfth Month, 1720, Aged Twenty Nine Years, Four Months, and Two Days. And the Second Day following, being the Twenty Seventh, her Corpse was interr'd in Friends Burying Ground at *Comerwell*, belonging to *Bradford* Meeting, where was a great Number of People, both *Friends* and others, attended her Corpse to the Meeting-House which joyns to the Grave-Yard, where was a Living and Powerful Testimony borne to the Truth.

William

William Armstrong, was born on the Border of *Scotland*, and when but young, was sent by his Father into the West of *England*, in order to follow the Occupation of a Linen-Draper. Some considerable Time after, he return'd into *Cumberland*, and followed the same Business, being at that Time, in his Profession of Religion, a *Presbyterian*, and very Zealous in his Way, Cautious and Conscious in his Sayings and Doings.

About the Year 1690, the Lord was graciously pleased to visit him with his *Day-Spring from on High*, so that he was Convinced of *His Blessed, Everlasting Truth*, and the Lord wrought mightily in him, to the Redeeming and Sanctifying him, and making him a Vessel for his own Use, and gave him a *Gift of the Ministry*.

He travelled much, visiting the Churches of Christ in many Places, preaching the Gospel in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, as also in *America*, where

where he had good Service; for tho' he was not elegant in Speech, yet he was indeed fervent in Spirit; ſtrong and valiant in the Power of God, to the terrifying of the Sinners in *Sion*, and to the comforting of the upright and honeſt Minded.

He was a Man of good Underſtanding, and very watchful and humble in his Converſation, truly careful not to give juſt Occaſion whereby *Truth*, or the Followers of it, might ſuffer in any Reſpect. And was truly given up to ſpend, and be ſpent for the Goſpel.

He would not fall under wrong Spirited Men for Self-Ends, nor baulk his Teſtimony for their Favour: He was not forward to meddle with Church Affairs in Meetings of Buſineſs, but when he did, he appear'd for the *Cauſe of Truth.*

He was zealouſly concerned for the Youth among Friends, often ſupplicating the Lord, *That he would be pleaſed to lay His Hand upon them, and with His merciful Judgements ſo fit and qualify them, that they might ſtand faithful*

ful in the ſame Teſtimony that the Elders that are gone to their Reſt had borne in their Day, that the Lord might ſtill have a People to proclaim His Name and Truth upon the Earth. He was a Man of an univerſal Spirit, concern'd for the Proſperity of the *Truth* in all; Zealous againſt Jarrings, and looſe Spirits, which often made him the *Butt of Libertines.*

It was his very Life, to feel *Truth* prevail over all, being much concern'd for its Reputation, and having a great Regard to the Honour of it in his Conduct among Men. His Heart and Houſe were open to receive his Brethren, not for Oſtentation, but in Love to *Truth*; Generous in Contributions, Cautious, and incouraging to the Honeſt Minded, but Zealous and ſharp againſt the Stubborn and Rebellious.

In about three Years after his Return from *America*, (being much weakned by hard Exercifes, and Travel in that Country) he was taken ill with great inward Pains, and a Dizzineſs in his Head, being alſo ſomewhat Dropſical.

ſical. In the Time of his Illneſs, he often breath'd to the Lord, *For Patience to bear that Great Trial* (as he called it) *of parting Soul and Body*; ſaying to his Wife, *I've made good Uſe of my Time in Health, for which I am truly thankful to the Lord, I am willing to leave this troubleſome World; I ſee nothing to ſtand in my Way*; Jacob's *God is my God; he forgets me not in this Time of Trial.*

Many Friends and others came to viſit him, to whom he gave good Counſel, adviſing Friends, *To keep to Meetings while Health and Strength remain'd.* He ſaid, *He always hated Deceit and Diſſimulation, and loved to be plain*; and deſired Friends that were preſent, *To look about them, and be rightly concern'd for the Affairs of Truth.*

At one Time he ſaid, *I may ſay that Death hath compaſſed me round about, yet I am inwardly refreſh'd and comforted, which is more to me than all outward Things.* Adding, *I have had many Good Days, and receiv'd many Mercies from the Hand of the Lord. I have lov'd Truth*

Truth ever since my Heart was turn'd towards Him, and when the Teſtimony of Truth ſuffer'd, I have ſuffer'd with it.

At another Time he ſaid, *I have gone through many hard Cenſures, and ſuffer'd much by wrong Spirits, who would not keep within the Bounds and Limits of Truth, but none of them could make me truckle under, or baulk my Judgement, and that's my Comfort.* And then commemorating the Lord's Goodneſs to all them that truly ſeek after him, he concluded with a Spiritual Song.

Thus this Godly Man, having finiſhed his Courſe, departed this Life the Fifth Day of the Second Month, 1721, Aged Fifty Eight Years, and was buried the Seventh of the ſame, in Friends Burial-Place, in the City of *Carliſle*, many Friends and others being preſent.

Richard

Richard Beckett was born in *London*, on the Twenty Sixth Day of the Eighth Month, in the Year 1693.

He was one, whom the Lord was pleased to visit in his young Years, and gave him a Sight of His Holy Way, to wit, *Christ Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life*, and also enabled him to walk therein in a good Degree, wherein he met with that Peace and Satisfaction, which engaged him in his very young Years, to exercise his Mind in Spiritual Things.

He was seized with a violent Feaver on the Thirteenth Day of the Sixth Month, 1721, which continued on him five Weeks, but remaining very sensible all the first Week of his Illness. His Mother fearing his Senses might not long continue, was concerned tenderly to ask him, *How it was with him, as to his inward Condition, and whether he had witnessed at Times and Seasons, the Enjoyment of the Presence of the Lord.*

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His Answer was, *Yea, many a Time*; and also said, *It had been his Desire rather to be taken out of this World, than to bring any Dishonour to the Lord.* Which was a Comfort to her to hear; this being the seventh Day since he was first taken ill: That Evening he took to his Bed, expecting to have a very bad Night, but contrary to his Expectation, the Lord was exceeding good to him, which brought him into great Stillness of Mind. After some Time, his Mother being in the Room, he softly called, *Mother, let all be still.* Then she sat down by his Bed-side, and was sensible the Lord was near to him, and was pleased to solace his Soul with his Goodness in a wonderful Manner. So he lay still for some Time, and afterwards brake forth in a Heavenly Frame of Spirit, and said, *Mother, I feel no Pain, I lye as in a Bed of Roses*; and so continued in great Stillness for some considerable Time, and express'd again, *'Twas Joy unspeakable that the Lord was pleas'd to make him a Partaker of.* Which

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ſhe was thankful to the Lord for his merciful Viſitation that he was pleaſed to beſtow on him at ſuch a Time of Need. Next Morning he gave her a more particular Account how it had been with him that Night, while in the Time of his Stillneſs: *He thought his Spirit was aſcended out of his Body into Heaven, where he beheld ſuch a Glorious Light as he never had beheld the like, and heard ſuch ſweet melodious Sounds, that he deſired to tarry there, but it was not long e're he thought his Spirit returned into the Body again.* After this, his Diſtemper grew ſtronger on him, ſo that his Life was not expected by any that ſaw him. He was wonderfully preſerved in his Senſes, and bore his Diſtemper with great Patience and Reſignation to the Will of God, either to live or die; and when his Relations could not forbear weeping, expecting to part with him, he looked upon them, and ſaid, *Do not grieve too much; if we muſt part, I hope we ſhall meet in Heaven.*

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After five Weeks, his Diſtemper pretty well left him, that he ſeemed to be in a fair Way of Recovery, and remained ſo four Weeks, which gave great Hopes of his longer Continuance: But he was ſuddenly taken with a very great Bleeding (that proceeded from his Lungs) which he brought up by a Cough that began on a Firſt Day in the Evening, and continued by Fits all that Night; and the next Day in the Forenoon, he had another bad Fit of Bleeding, ſo that he was not expected to ſpeak any more, for he ſeemed as gone. But the Lord was pleaſed to break in upon his Soul by his mighty Power, by which his Mouth was opened in Prayer; a ſmall Part of which was as followeth. *O glorious Lord, Thou canſt bring down to the Brink of the Grave, and canſt raiſe up again to praiſe thy Holy Name: thy Goodneſs has wonderfully broke in upon my Soul at this Time, when at another Time I could hardly have Deſires for my ſelf; but thou haſt wonder-*

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fully appeared to my Soul at this Time, and haſt ſealed thy Salvation to me.

A Friend coming ſoon after his Prayer was ended, and finding him to Appearance near his End, was willing to tarry with him, ſhe thinking it would not be long before there would be an Alteration, which was on the 4th Day in the Evening following, in which Time, ſhe taking an Opportunity, aſked him, *How it was with him?* And after ſome little Space of Silence, he ſaid, *I think that Appearance* (meaning the laſt Viſitation as before-mentioned) *the Lord was pleaſed to favour me withal, is an Anchor to my Mind; for I think it was an extraordinary Favour that the Lord was pleaſed to favour me with, and thereto am I anchored.*

Some Time after ſhe ſaid, *She hoped his Work was done*, he anſwering, ſaid *Yea*; and ſo finiſhed his Courſe that Evening: And without doubt, is entred into that Everlaſting Reſt that is prepared for the Righteous.

He departed this Life on the 18th Day of the 8th Month, 1721, being near

near the 28th Year of his Age, and was buried on the 2nd of the same Month, from the *Bull and Mouth Meeting*, in *Friends Burial Ground*, near *Bunhill Fields*, his Corps being attended to the Grave by a considerable Number of Friends and others.

MARY, the Wife of *William Lamley*, of *Bloxham*, near *Banbury*, in *Oxfordshire*, was suddenly visited with Illness the First Day of the Second Month, 1722. *She said*, that her Redeemer lived, and because he lived, she lived also; and that He would stand the last upon the Earth. *And desired Friends that came to see her*, Not to sorrow for her, for if the Lord was pleased to take her from them, he could soon raise up one or other of them that might be of more Service then she had been. *And she advis'd them*, To Faithfulness, and to look to that that would never change nor alter; and above all things in this World, to have an Eye to the *Blessed Truth*,

Truth, for she believed that the Lord had Blessings in Store for some of them; advising them to stand faithful in whatsoever the Lord should require at any of their Hands.

At another Time she said, The Lord deals with us as a tender Father doth with his Child, who, when he first sets him to work, imployeth him in small Matters, and afterwards when the Child groweth in Strength and Understanding, he requireth greater Service of him: So the Lord gently leads on his People in His Work; the same Arm that divided the Waters of the Sea, and made them as a Wall on the Right Hand and on the Left, while *Israel* passed thorough the Midst as on dry Ground, and when the Enemies pursued, that same Arm caused the Waters to return and overthrow them, that there was not one left; and yet there was a Wilderness for *Israel* to pass through afterward, in which many fell of their murmuring Unbelief and Disobedience.

I do not ſpeak theſe Things becauſe you are ignorant of them, but becauſe you have had Experience in Meaſure of the wonderful Works of the Lord in the Deep, that the Pure Mind may be ſtirred up in all, that you may follow the Lord fully, as his Servants *Joſhua* and *Caleb*, and may obtain an Inheritance in the Heavenly *Canaan*.

When ſhe had been ſpeaking of the Goodneſs of God to her Soul, ſhe ſaid, It was not for any Worthineſs in her, or for any Works that ſhe had done, but it was his free Mercy and Love to deal thus graciouſly with her.

Another Time, ſpeaking of divers Times that Sion's *Travellers paſs thorough, ſhe ſaid*, We ought to be concerned to be content in every State that the Lord is pleaſed to bring us into, when we are poor in Spirit, we ought to keep the Word of Patience, and then the Lord will keep us in the Hour of Temptation, and in his own Time, he will abundantly bleſs the Proviſion of *Sion*, and ſatisfy her poor with Bread; and when he giveth us a

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full Cup, and makes it overflow, then let us remember our State of Poverty, that we may be kept humble before Him.

She had also an Exhortation to several Friends, *in the Words of the Prophet* Isaiah, *Cease to do Evil, and learn to do Well: And she earnestly prest,* The Necessity of ceasing from Evil, and from all that tends unto it, that so they might come to learn of the Lord to do that which is Good; for if any pretend to go about the Lord's Work, and do not *Cease from Evil,* that will be a Contradiction.

She was so resign'd to the Will of the Lord, that she said, She desir'd to be Passive, as Clay in the Hand of the Potter. *At another Time she spoke to one of her Neighbours,* To make good Use of the Time the Lord should be pleased to afford unto her, in being faithful in the Performance of her Duty, while she had Health and Strength, according to the Discoveries the Lord should be pleased to make unto her: *Therefore she signified*

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that it was her Deſire, That there might be ſuch an early Preparation, that when Death ſhould come, there might be nothing to do but to dye.

Another Time ſhe ſpoke to a young Perſon after this manner: I believe the Lord hath Bleſſings in Store for thee, if thou wilt but be obedient in what he makes his Will known unto thee; for he hath given thee a larger Share of Underſtanding than many others, and thou canſt not plead Ignorance; thou knoweſt thy Duty. *Now he that knoweth his Maſter's Will, and doth it not, ſhall be beaten with many Stripes:* Take heed that be not thy Portion; let it be thy Care to have due Regard to that Pure Light that ſhines in thy Heart, that will ſhew thee *Thy Duty towards God, and alſo towards Man*; and be obedient unto the Requirings thereof, and then thoſe that honour the Lord, he will honour and beautify them with His living Preſence, and that makes young People really beautiful in the

Sight of the Lord, and alſo in the Sight of good Men.

She ſaid at another Time, I am weak both inwardly and outwardly; I think I am as empty as ever I was; I have ſometimes been ſo favoured with the Divine Goodneſs, that I have had ſomething to ſay for the Encouragement of others; but now I do not find that I have any Thing either for my ſelf or they.

But after ſome Time had paſt in waiting upon the Lord, in ſolemn Retirement, the Lord gave her, as ſhe declared, In Meaſure what her Heart deſired; *and ſhe ſpoke to this Purpoſe*: This Evening I have been very poor in Spirit; we ought to *Learn in every State, therewith to be content*; to wait in Faith and Patience, the Lord's Time, which I believe the Living in *Sion* can ſay, *We have always found to be the beſt Time*: It is He that hath the Key of *David*, and when he ſhuts none can open; and when he opens, none can ſhut: Therefore let it be with us as it was with the Lord's Servant *Job*

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as to that firm Truſt in God, which he expreſs'd, when he ſaid, *Though He ſlay me, yet will I truſt in Him.*

My Friends, Let us wait in Faith and Patience upon God, altho' he may be at Times as a ſealed Fountain unto us, yet in His own Time, he will open, and cauſe the Living Water to flow, which bleſſed be His Name, my Soul taſtes of at this Time, beyond what I did expect, and now my Strength is once more renewed in Him: Who could have thought I ſhould have been ſo favoured at this Time; the Lord hath made His Strength to appear in my Weakneſs; it was in a very acceptable Time He did appear, and therefore let us always wait for His appearance, that He may be our guide, and may be known to go before us. The Anſwer of Chriſt to one that ſpake unto him, concerning going up to the Feaſt, was, *My time is not yet come*; but your Time is always ready. There is Abundance in it; let us not make our States look better then they really are, or attempt

to go up to the Feaſt without the Maſter of the Houſe, for if we do, he will not be pleaſed with us.

Afterwards, the ſame Evening, taking her Husband by the Hand, ſhe ſpake to this Effect: My Dear, as we made a Solemn Covenant with each other, before the Lord, and His People, ſo I can truly ſay, it hath been as much my Care to keep it, as ever it was to make it; and I have nothing of the contrary to ſay of Thee, but as we came together in Love, ſo we have paſt the Time we have had together, in Love one to another, in which I have Peace and Satisfaction; and we have alſo lived in Love with our Friends, and I deſire thou mayeſt abide therein.

If I am taken from Thee, let thy Doors be open to receive ſuch as may be concerned to viſit *Friends* here; and I would have Thee be willing to make uſe of Opportunities that may be afforded, that *Meetings* may be kept here as they uſed to be, for the Good of thy Neighbours, whom we ought to

to love as our ſelves, that they may have the Invitation to partake of the Free Love of God.

And I deſire Thou mayeſt ſtand Faithful in thy Teſtimony againſt the *Hireling Prieſts*; do not ſhrink at Sufferings; if they do ſpoil thy Goods, take it joyfully; there were ſome of Old, that took joyfully the ſpoiling of their Goods, and the *Truth* is as worthy to be ſuffered for now, as it was in that Time.

Be ſure thy Care be to bring up thy Son in the *Way of Truth*; do not let fond Affection prevail againſt Judgement, but deal with him as thou findeſt it thy Duty to do; and I live in hope, and if I dye now, I think I ſhall dye in that Hope, That he may be made Inſtrumental in the Hand of the Lord, for the Good of others.

She ſpake at another Time, being in a very deep Senſe of Poverty of Spirit, (as be expreſs'd to her Thoughts,) beyond what ſhe had known before, to this Effect: There are Diverſities of Operations by the One Spirit, and it ſeems to me,

that the Lord is dealing with us in a particular Manner this Evening, and I hope it will be for our Good, that we may learn for the Time to come, not to be ſo apt to diſtruſt the Mercy of God, in a Time of Want; and ſurely we have no Cauſe to be exalted above Meaſure, in the Thoughts of what at ſome Times paſſes, ſeeing we are ſo very liable to be ſtript of it all and if we are ſtript of our Enjoyments, let us not murmur, but rather let us ſay with *Job*, *The Lord giveth and he taketh away, bleſſed be the Name of the Lord.* And now he hath given me a little Taſte of his Love, and he that gathered little Manna had no lack; and he that gathered much had nothing over. Let us be content with what the Lord is pleaſed to give altho' I muſt confeſs I am ſtill very weak in my inward Man, yet I hope the Lord that hath been my Support in ſix Troubles, will not forſake me in the ſeventh.

Afterwards the Lord gave her a great Share of His Goodneſs, and ſhe ſpake

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this Purpoſe: The Lord is ready to lift up the Hands that hang down, and to confirm the feeble Knees, and as we are waiting upon Him, He will touch the Anckle-Bones, and they ſhall receive Strength; ſo that they that have been Spiritually Lame, as to the Performance of Service to God, ſhall come to walk more uprightly before Him, and then neither Grace nor Glory, nor no good Thing, will the Lord withold from them. Now once more, my Soul is filled with the Goodneſs of God, and in a Senſe of it, my Heart is engaged to return Praiſes to Him.

She ſpoke at another Time: This Evening we have enjoyed that which is beyond Words; and I deſire that thoſe that I may leave behind me, may live in That that is beyond Words, and may be faithful; it is what I have been often concerned to call People unto, and the Lord will ſo furniſh his People with Strength, altho' they may be but few in Number, that One ſhall be able to chaſe a Thouſand;

for every Tongue that ſhall riſe in Judgement againſt the Truth, ſhall be condemned, and the Lamb and His Followers ſhall have the Victory. Let us not premeditate what we ſhall ſay in the Behalf of Truth, for I believe it will be given us in the Time that it may be required of any of us; the Lord hath favoured with Bleſſings, beyond what we could aſk or think; and now if we part, ſurely it will be a good Time to part in, when we are in the Breaſt and Arms of our Beloved; if the Earneſt be ſo ſweet, what will the full Poſſeſſion of the Inheritance be: Altho' my Friends are very dear unto me, I can freely part with them now, and leave them under the Care and Protection of the Almighty; and I believe thoſe will be preſerved, that are faithful unto the Lord, altho' they may meet with Storms; He will be unto them as the Shadow of a great Rock in a weary Land, and will cover their Heads in the Day of Battle. And now Friends, I deſire that you would give up thoſe freely that the Lord

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ſhall be pleaſed to remove from theſe Storms and Afflictions, into that Divine Glory, *Where the Weary ſhall be at Reſt, and the Wicked cannot come to trouble them.* I believe if we give up our ſelves, and one another freely to the Lord's Diſpoſal, it will be acceptable. And now I deſire we may all once more be committed into the Hand of the Lord, as unto a faithful Creator, and loving and tender Father.

Afterwards ſhe was concerned in Supplication to the Lord, That if he was pleaſed to require a Teſtimony of any of His People at the very laſt of their Time in this World, He would be pleaſed to enable them to deliver it faithfully, without adding to it, or diminiſhing from it.

She ſpake at another Time to this Effect: We are adviſed to truſt in the Lord with all our Hearts, and not lean unto our own Underſtandings; and I deſire we may take this Advice, for if we were to lean to our own Underſtandings in theſe Times of deep

Poverty, I think we ſhould be very likely to fall into Diſpair, when we ſee our ſelves unable to think a good Thought, or aſk any Petition as we ought. The Invitation of the Lord, was unto the *Weary and heavy laden, to come unto Him, and learn of Him*, and then as they were willing to take *His Yoke upon them, and learn of Him*, He promiſed, *They ſhould find Reſt unto their Souls.*

I deſire we may all learn of Him, for He is the beſt Teacher that we can hearken unto; He inſtructs His People, and leads them about ſometimes in a Way that they have not trodden before, and therefore we had need keep cloſe unto Him: And ſometimes He is pleaſed to try His People with the greateſt Trial of all, even want of Water, and then if we are not watchful, we are in Danger of being like ſome of old, who murmured, ſaying, *The Lord hath brought us out of* Egypt, *into this Wilderneſs to ſlay us with Thirſt.* But I deſire that ſuch a Thought may never have Place in our Hearts, but

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that we may patiently wait, until our Spiritual *Moſes* cauſe the Waters to guſh out. I believe the Lord will fill the empty Veſſels, there is enough in Him to ſupply our Wants, and the Wants of the thirſty Ones every where. And as the Lord hath now made us Sharers together of His Goodneſs, I deſire that in a Senſe of it, Living Praiſes may be returned unto His Eternal Name, who is worthy of it now, henceforth for evermore. I can ſay unto the Honour of His Name, without boaſting, I am refreſhed both inwardly and outwardly.

She ſaid at another Time, My Friends, I deſire we may make ſure of the Lord for our Portion, *in ſeeking Him while He is to be found, and calling upon Him while He is near*; for there is no other that can ſupport, and enable us patiently to bear thoſe Afflictions that may come upon us: And it is certain that Trials will come upon us all one Time or another, and therefore let it be our chief Care to keep near the Lord, and to avoid all thoſe Things

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that would bring Wounds upon us; for if I had had a wounded Conſcience when theſe Afflictions have been upon me, I believe it would have been more then I ſhould have been able patiently and comfortably to bear; but when the Lord is pleaſed to favour us with the Smiles of His Countenance, this ſweetens the Chaſtiſements that He is pleaſed to bring upon us. Let it therefore be our great Care, to keep a *Conſcience void of Offence towards God and towards Men*, and then I believe the Lord will be with us, and ſupport us in the greateſt of Trials, and we ſhall have Cauſe in Meaſure to ſay with the *Pſalmiſt*, *He maketh my Bed in my Sickneſs*; for He will make it ſo eaſie to us, that we ſhall be able to bear our Afflictions with a quiet and eaſy Mind.

She ſpake at another Time, My Friends, The Lord is once more giving his Little Ones Encouragement to truſt in Him; for ſurely in his own Time, He will ariſe for the Help of His People who are poor, until He appears. This deep

deep Senſe of Weakneſs, and Poverty of Spirit, that the Lord brings us into, is good for us; for it ought to be, and I hope it will be an Obligation upon us, not to be High-minded, but fear, and as we abide in the Fear of the Lord, our Hearts will be kept clean. Let us be willing to ſink down deep in the Nothingneſs of Self, that the Lord in his own Time may appear, and may be a double Portion unto us; for when He comes, His Reward is with Him, and His Work before Him; when He ariſes, He will ſcatter our Enemies. Oh! let the ſincere Deſires of your Hearts be unto the Lord, that His Hand may not ſpare, nor His Eye pity any Thing in you, that is contrary unto His pure Will; for altho' you may have parted with many Things for the Truth's Sake, yet there may ſomething yet remain that is unclean; and therefore ye had need be very diligently concerned in ſearching your ſelves, that you may ſee what it is that is growing in you, and which of the two Seeds it ſprings from; for

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we may obſerve, that it was while Men ſlept, that the Enemy ſowed the Tares, and if ye ſleep in Carnal Security, the Enemy will ſow that in your Hearts, which if it be ſuffered to grow, it will certainly oppreſs the pure Seed; and therefore have due Regard unto that great Command of Chriſt, which he gave unto his Diſciples, for that was to extend unto all Men, which Command was, *To Watch.*

She ſaid at another Time, It hath been in my Mind this Night, to conſider how it was with the Diſciples of Chriſt when they went a Fiſhing, and toiled all Night and caught nothing, until the Lord came and directed them to caſt the Net on the right Side of the Ship, and then they obtained that which they laboured for. Now when we are labouring for the Spiritual Food, and for a Seaſon may find nothing, let us patiently wait for the Lord's Direction, and then we ſhall ſurely obtain what will be ſufficient for us; for His Wiſdom is the ſame to direct His People now, as ever it was in that Day.

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The 27th of the 4th Month, 1722.

She ſignified to ſome Friends that came to viſit her, That ſhe had Cauſe to chuſe a State of Affliction, becauſe of the ſweet Enjoyments of the Love of God, which he was pleaſed to favour her with in a more plentiful Manner then ſhe had ſometimes experienced, when ſhe had more Freedom from Pain, and Affliction of Body.

The 1ſt of the 5th Month.

It is the inward Comforter that leadeth into all Truth that we ſhall all one Day ſtand in need of; and as there ought to be no careleſs Delays in the great Concern of working out our own Salvation, ſo we had need to be very diligently engaged in waiting to be endowed with Power from on high, becauſe we are not able to do any Thing of our ſelves that will tend to our Souls Eternal Welfare; but as we are diligently waiting upon God,

God, He will give us Strength, according to the Service He ſhall require of us. His People have Cauſe to ſay, He is not a hard Maſter, for He will gather His Lambs with His Arm, and carry them in His Boſom, and gently lead thoſe that are with young: Let us be willing to part with all that the Lord requires us to part with, altho' it be as near as a Right Hand, or a Right Eye.

My Friends, We have no continuing City here, let us therefore ſeek one that is to come, whoſe Builder and Maker is the Lord. Let not thoſe be diſcouraged, that are truly concerned to labour in the Lord's Work, altho' they may be but few in Number, the Time may come, when more may be rightly engaged in it. Let us all give up freely to ſerve the Lord in whatever He requireth of us, for He requireth Obedience to the Manifeſtations of His Will, both in Male and Female. And I deſire that thoſe that are truly ſenſible of the Want of Labourers, may be concerned to pray

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the Lord of the Harveſt, to ſend forth more Labourers into His Harveſt; and that we may all be truly concerned for the Honour of God, and for the promoting of His Truth, more then for any outward Enjoyment, and then the Lord will be with us, and ſtand by us in our Exerciſes. We know not what we may any of us have to go through, before our Time in this World may come to an End, and when we come to lye upon a Bed of Sickneſs, and expect our End to be nigh, nothing that this World can afford, is worthy to be compared with *Peace of Conſcience*. Let it be our great Care, to be ſo prepared for the coming of the Lord, that whether our Days may be few or many in this World, whenſoever the Lord ſhall be pleaſed to call us hence, we may be ready.

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The 14th of the 5th Month.

Altho' the Lord may be pleaſed to lead us through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, yet we have Cauſe to fear no ill, as the Eye of our Minds are truly unto Him, that is inviſible; for He is near to His Little Ones, ſupports them in the deepeſt Exerciſes that they are brought into; and therefore if the Lord be pleaſed to bring us down into *Jordan*, let us be willing to follow Him there as often as He ſhall ſee meet.

Altho' *Naman* was to waſh but ſeven Times in *Jordan*, that he might be made clean, yet there is no ſuch Limitation to this inward Work; but if the Lord be pleaſed to try us Seventy Times Seven, we ought to yield willingly thereunto: And as the Gold that is often tryed, is made the purer from Droſs, ſo as we are rightly bowed under the Great Refiners Hand, we ſhall be made the more fit for his Service.

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Let us patiently wait to ſee the Work carried on that is upon the Wheel, that we may not be like the Veſſel that was marred in the Hand of the Potter, but may be formed according to the Will of God, and purged from every Thing that he hath a Controverſy againſt. And now the Lord is pleaſed once more to lift up the *Light of His Countenance upon my poor Soul*; and in a Senſe thereof, I deſire the Praiſes, the Glory and Honour may be given to Him, to whom alone it belongs for ever.

The 15th of the 5th Month.

My Friends, I did not know that I ſhould have ſpoken any more, but now the Lord hath been pleaſed once more to revive me, and I have Cauſe to ſpeak for the Encouragement of thoſe that I am likely to leave behind me, that they may be incouraged to follow the Lord fully, and not fear Man, who, if he be ſuffer'd to put forth the utmoſt of his Power, can go

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no further then to kill the Body. But let us fear Him who is able to deſtroy both Body and Soul: Let us fear to offend the Living God, who hath the Soveraignty over us, and can do whatſoever he pleaſeth with us: Let us not ſhun the Croſs, but be willing to bear our Share of Sufferings for the *Sake of Chriſt*, whether they may be inward or outward, that our Conſolations may abound. Let us labour for thoſe inward, ſweet Enjoyments, that abundantly exceed all outward Viſible Things.

I deſire we may come to ſee for our ſelves, that Wonder which *John* ſaw, *A Woman clothed with the Sun, and the Moon under her Feet*; that we may know the Changeable Things to be under our Feet, and may be clothed with the *Son of Righteouſneſs, who ariſeth with Healing in His Wings*: And then we ſhall grow up before Him as Calves of the Stall.

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The 17th of the 5th Month.

Such is the Goodneſs of God unto thoſe that wait upon Him, that He cauſeth the Dew to fall upon them that ſee themſelves in a thirſty Land, until He is pleaſed to open the Fountain for their Refreſhment. I believe it is our great Duty to center often to the Fountain from whence our Supplies come; in what State ſoever we are, the *Truth* is the ſame in a Time of Sickneſs as it is in a Time of Health. I deſire we may not be like the Man that falls being alone, but may know the Everlaſting Arm to be underneath when we may ſee our ſelves in Danger of falling. And as we have ſeen the good Effects of it many a Time, I deſire we may be diligent in waiting for this holy Arm: Let us wait to know our Duty, we have often heard, *That they that wait upon the Lord, ſhall renew their Strength*, and thoſe come to ſee their Duty, and they alſo receive Ability to perform the ſame, altho'

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at ſometimes they may be ſo encompaſs'd about, that they may ſee no Way of Deliverance, until the Lord opens an Eye in them to ſee it; yet the Lord will make Way in His own Time, for the Deliverance of His People that truſt in Him.

The 19th of the 5th Month.

There is one Thing in particular, that I have obſerved in this Time of Weakneſs of Body, which I eſteem as a Privilege among many others that I am made Partaker of, and that is this: Thoſe Days that my Affliction is the greateſt upon me, the Lord hath been pleaſed to favour me with the moſt plentiful Viſitations of His Love, whether I have had Company, or have been alone; ſo that thereby I have been incouraged willing and patiently to bear theſe Afflictions, being made ſenſible that the inward Enjoyment of the Goodneſs of God, abundantly exceeds Health of Body; and thoſe outward

outward Enjoyments that I am deprived of.

We have Cauſe to be humble before the Lord, from whom all that we have that is Good, comes; let us be willing to go down into the Deep as often as He ſeeth meet; for He will deſtroy nothing in us that is Good. I believe thoſe that go moſt down into the Deep, will ſee moſt of the Wonders of the Lord.

The 21ſt of the 5th Month.

It is the Lord alone that knows the Wants of the Poor in Spirit, and is able to adminiſter a ſuitable Supply according thereunto: And He can make a little ſufficient, until He is pleaſed to give more, as He made the Little the Widow had, ſufficient in the Prophet's Time. Such was His Goodneſs to her, that the Barrel of Meal did not waſte, nor the Cruſe of Oil fail, until the Time that the Lord ſent Rain upon the Earth, altho' it was ſuch a Time of Scarcity, that ſhe

ſhe expected Death was near. And I believe the Lord will be the ſame in this Day unto them that have due Regard to the Voice of the Great Prophet, altho' at Times their Proviſion may appear to be but ſmall, He will make the Little ſufficient, until the Time that He is pleaſed to favour them with plentiful Showers of His Love. And therefore let us not murmur in a Time of Scarcity, nor yet be exalted above Meaſure, in a Time of Plenty: But let us remember, *That Hand that ſeeds us, can withold from us, if He ſeeth meet.*

The 23d of the 5th Month.

Bleſſed is the Man that truſteth in the Lord, whoſe Hope the Lord is, and whoſe Heart departeth not from the Living God; He ſhall be like a Tree that is planted by the Rivers of Waters, whoſe Leaves are green. Altho' theſe may know Winter Seaſons, yet as their Hearts do not depart from the Living God, they ſhall be like the Branches

Branches that are grafted into the True Vine, and the Living Sap will abide in the Root, and they ſhall know their Eſtabliſhment to be by the ſtill Waters, as they are diligently waiting for, and truly ſubmitting to that Power that pleads by Fire and Sword, againſt the Appearance of *that* that is contrary to Truth. Let us be willing to yield up *that* that is for the Fire, unto the Fire; and *that* that is for the Sword, unto the Sword; and *that* that is for the Famine, unto the Famine; that we may be purged throughout, in Body, Soul, and Spirit, and may know the Will of God to be done in us, and may have a Right to make uſe of that Prayer which our Lord taught his Diſciples, after this Manner: *Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come, thy Will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven.*

Surely this is a great Attainment, and it is nothing but the Power of God that is ſufficient to bring us into this Eſtate, altho' many in the World are

making uſe of theſe weighty Words that are not truly ſenſible of them It is a great Thing to know the Great God to be our Father by Regeneration; and thoſe that are His Children by Regeneration, do deſire that the Praiſes may be returned to His Holy Name; *and that His Will may be done in them as it is in Heaven:* And theſe are Paſſive as Clay in the Hand of the Potter.

And they are concerned to aſk *Daily Bread of Him*, who feedeth His People with the *Bread of Life:* And they deſire of Him, that He will be pleaſed *To forgive their Treſpaſſes, as they deſire to forgive thoſe that treſpaſs against them*; which the Lord giveth them Power to do. And deſires in their Hearts, *That they may not be led into Temptation, but may be delivered from Evil*, when they are beſet as on every Hand.

The 24th of the 5th Month.

When the Lord is pleaſed to withhold from us the ſweet Enjoyments of His Love, altho' we may be ſenſible of the Want of it, yet we cannot reach it for our ſelves, and therefore we ought to bow in Reverence before Him, who deals with us as a tender Father may do with his Child, who may ſee meet to withold Food from him for a Time, that he may learn Subjection to his Father; ſo the Lord may ſee meet to hide His Face at ſome Times from us, as He did from His Servant of old, who ſaid, *Thou hideſt thy Face and I was troubled*; altho' but little before, he was ſo favoured with the Divine Preſence, that he thought thereby his Mountain was made to ſtand ſtrong; yet there was then an Alteration in his State, when the Lord hid his Face, he was troubled, and ſo it may be with us: And when the Lord doth withdraw from us, let us examine our ſelves, that we

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Good, as our Minds are ſtaid in Patience; but if our Minds are not ſtaid in Patience, we may ſlight our own Mercy, for the Lord many times may be nearer than we are aware; and before we are aware, may make our Hearts like the Chariots of *Amminadab*. The Lord had regard to His Servant that waited patiently for Him, and the Lord inclined to him, and heard his Cry, and brought him up out of the horrible Pit, and miry Clay, and put a new Song into his Mouth: Even Praiſes to the Lord.

Afterwards, the ſame Evening, ſhe ſaid, Nothing will do now but this Inward Satisfaction, which the World cannot give, neither can the World take it away, that is a Comfort. It is well to be concerned to lay up for our ſelves this True Riches, which the Moth, or Ruſt, cannot corrupt, nor the Theives ſteal. Whatever it may coſt us of Sufferings, Scoffings, or Reproaches for it, it is worth a hundred times more than we have underwent

of Losses, or Sufferings: *For the Sufferings of this present Time are not worthy to be compared with the Glory that shall be revealed.*

Now if it be the Will of the Lord to remove me hence, if He will be pleased to support me in the needful Time, I think I can freely yield up my Soul to Him that gave it, that it may be delivered from this strait Habitation that it is now in. I do not find that there is any Thing between the Lord and my Soul, but that I have free Access unto Him by His Spirit: But as for this Body, it seems to be compassed about with Afflictions; and yet altho' I speak of my Afflictions, I do not do it in a complaining Way, for I have no Cause to complain.

The 26th of the 5th Month.

The Lord seeth not as Man seeth; for Man looketh at the outward Appearance, but the Lord looketh at the Heart, and therefore we had need be concerned that our Hearts may be truly

truly prepared by His Spirit, to receive a Supply from his Hand, which He is graciouſly pleaſed to favour His People with; for He is near to His People in their Afflictions, and is as afflicted with them, and the Angel of His Preſence ſaves them. *The Promiſes of God are all Yea and Amen in the one Seed.* Let us abide in it, that we may know what we have to expreſs one to another to ſpring from this pure Seed, and may know it to bear Rule in our Hearts, and then we ſhall be guided thereby, to take ſtrait Steps in the narrow Way, which the Lord hath caſt up for us.

Let us be willing to wade through theſe Exerciſes that it may be our Lot to meet with, for the Trial of Faith will work Patience, and Patience Experience; and Experience Hope; and this Hope will not make aſhamed. Then we ſhall not be aſhamed to bear our Teſtimony for the Lord, neither ſhall we think that becauſe our Meaſures are but ſmall, therefore we can do Him no Service,

but we ſhall be willing to caſt in our Mites, as the poor Widow did; if we *Caſt in all*, the Lord will take Notice of it.

This I ſpeak, that thoſe may be incouraged in the Work of the Lord, that look upon themſelves as the hindermoſt of the Flock; let us not be diſcouraged, altho' at ſome Times the Work may not ſeem ſo proſperous as we may deſire: *Caſt thy Bread upon the Waters*, and there is a Promiſe, *that it ſhall be found after many Days. Sowe plentifully therefore, that you may reap plentifully; for thoſe that ſowe ſparingly, ſhall reap ſparingly*: And if ſometimes we may have but a few Words to ſpeak in a Meeting, then let it be our Concern to *Sowe to the Spirit*, that by the Light of it, we may diſcern what the Lord is pleaſed to give us for our own Comfort and Nouriſhment; and what he giveth us, to diſtribute unto others: For we read, *There is a Time to be ſilent, and a Time to ſpeak*: And at ſome Times there may be more Service in ſitting Silent

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in a Meeting, then there would be in ſpeaking Words; and as our Eyes are ſingle unto the Lord, and our Wil reſigned to His pure Will, this waiting in Silence will be eaſy unto us. And as in the pure Light we ſhall come to ſee what, and when to ſpeak, and when to end, having a clear Sight of our Duty herein, we ſhall go ſafely on.

The ſame Evening calling her Son unto her, ſhe ſignified her Deſire, That as the Lord had been pleaſed to lend him unto them, He might be alſo pleaſed to make him His Servant, and give him Place in the Houſe of the Lord. *And ſhe advis'd him to be obedient to his Father.*

The 27th of the 5th Month.

Our Natural Lives are very uncertain; the Time paſt is irrecoverable, and the Time to come is very uncertain; therefore let us be concerned to make good Uſe of this preſent Time, and be willing to put our Shoulders to the Work, that the Stone may be

rolled from the Well's Mouth, that we may partake together of the Goodneſs of God.

Thoſe that gathered little *Manna*, had no Lack; and thoſe that gathered much, had nothing over. *My Friends*, There is Abundance in it; thoſe whoſe Gifts may be but ſmall, ſo that they cannot gather ſo large a Share of the *Heavenly Manna*, as ſome may, yet if they labour faithfully, according to the Ability that God is pleaſed to give them, and make a right Improvement of what He hath committed unto them, they will know that Little to be ſufficient: And thoſe that are inabled to gather more, will come to ſee that they have nothing over; and that what they enjoyed Yeſterday, will not be ſufficient for to Day, but they will ſtand daily in need of a freſh Supply from the Hand of the Lord.

There is no other Name by which any of us can be ſaved, but *Jeſus Chriſt*; let us labour to get into His Name, for He hath promiſed, *That where two or three are gathered together*

ther in His Name, He will be in the Midſt of them: And He will make his Promiſe good unto all them that are truly concerned to labour to get through all the Oppoſition that ſtands in their Way, that ſo they might get into the Name, Spirit, and Power of Chriſt, and might witneſs Him to be as a Place of broad Rivers unto them.

We had need be concerned for that Treaſure that will go with us beyond the Grave; this is worth the ſuffering the Loſs of all Things: *For thoſe that are willing to loſe their Lives for Chriſt's Sake, the ſame ſhall find Life Eternal.* But thoſe that retain a Life in Sin, according to the Luſts of the Fleſh, are in danger of loſing that Eternal Life in the World to come.

Therefore let us not love our Lives unto the Death, nor count any Thing too dear to part with, that we may win Chriſt. I deſire that the longer we live in the World, the more our Zeal for the Lord, and His Truth, may increaſe. *Many are the Troubles of the Righteous, but the Lord will deliver them out of them all.*

The 29th of the 5th Month.

Having ſpoken of her Afflictions, ſhe ſpoke to this Purpoſe: I have no Cauſe to complain, for I am ſatisfied the Lord hath a good End in it. He ſheweth His Sufficiency to bring His People through abundance of Affliction. I believe that Peace and Reſt will be the ſweeter to the weary Travellers, when they come to the full Enjoyment of it, without any Mixture of Sorrow.

I believe, if there was any Thing now remaining, that is contrary to the Will of God, He would make it manifeſt. It hath many Times been the ſincere Deſire of my Heart unto the Lord, that every ſecret Thing might be revealed; and the Lord is juſt in all His Ways: And as we are truly willing to bring our Deeds to the Light in our Hearts, the Lord thereby will diſcover every Thing that is contrary to His Will in us. The Lord is able to do all Things for His People.

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Teſtimonies will fail, and Words come to an end as to us, but the *Word of the Lord will abide for ever.* I deſire that thoſe that may have more Days in this World, may diligently attend unto this ingrafted Word, that is able to ſave the Soul: Let us chuſe this for our Portion.

My deſire for the Sons and Daughters of Men is, That they may not give way ſo much, to the many cumbring Things, but may chuſe this one Thing needful, which will be able to ſupport them in the moſt needful Time: For if we are taken with any Thing ſhort of this *Eternal Word*, and truſt in Viſible Things, they will utterly fail.

The 31ſt of the 5th Month.

The Goodneſs of the Lord is ſuch unto His People, *That He is a preſent Helper in the needful Time*; altho' at ſome Times we may be ready to think that we ſhall fall by the Hand of the Enemy; yet as we truſt in the Lord, He that delivered *David* out of the Hand

Hand of *Saul*, will deliver us out o the Hand of the Spiritual Enemy.

Let us ſtay our Minds in Patience, in the Times of Poverty of Spirit, and I believe we ſhall ſee the good Effects of it; the Lord will teach us Subjection to Himſelf thereby, and when He gives us a little Taſte of His Love, we ſhall ſee that we ought to wait upon Him, until He ſhall be pleaſed to cauſe the Showers thereof more plentifully to fall upon us.

It is an eaſy Thing to believe in Him, when His Candle ſhines upon us, and we enjoy the Light of His Countenance; but when He withdraws from us, and we ſee our ſelves in a thirſty Land, where no Water is, this, I believe, is a Trial of Faith. That Arm of the Lord that hath been the Guide of our Youth, will be the Stay of the Aged that truſt in it: When we are brought to a True Senſe of a Spiritual Thirſt, the Lord will open the Fountain as in the Deſart.

Methinks I have a few Words to ſpeak, for the Encouragement of thoſe that

that I may be likely to leave behind me, That they fear not Man, whoſe Breath is in his Noſtrils, but that they may fear the Lord; for they that fear the Lord ſhall not be confounded, and they that truſt in Him ſhall not aſhamed.

I think a few Words at this Time may ſuffice, becauſe of the Weakneſs I am under; but however I once more witneſs the Lord to be Strength in Weakneſs; in a Senſe thereof, I deſire the Praiſes may be returned to Him, who is worthy of it for ever.

The 2d of the 6th Month.

The Lord is making his People ſenſible of the Time to be Silent, and of the Time to ſpeak, as they are concerned to wait for Inſtruction from Him, and to hearken to His Voice, and to the Voice of His Servant the Prophet, who ſaid, *Keep Silence O Iſlands before me; let the People renew their Strength*; and they were to come near, and then they were to ſpeak: And ſo it is now, when we are ina-

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bled to come near the Lord, that we are ſometimes in a Capacity to ſpeak unto the Honour of His Name.

I deſire that we may follow the Lord, whenſoever He is pleaſed to go forth before us; and when He is pleaſed to ſtand ſtill, let us be willing to be as nothing; and not think our own Thoughts, nor ſpeak our own Words; nor walk in our Ways: but let us wait for a freſh Command from our great Lawgiver, that according thereunto we may go forth in His Service, and may know our Thoughts Words, and Actions, to be ſanctified by His Spirit, that His Will in all Things may be done, and then the Lord will be with us, and bleſs the Labour of Love that ſuch are concerned in. The Lord is once more giving me Cauſe to ſpeak well of His Name, in a renewed Senſe of His Love; and this is an Encouragement to truſt in His Mercy, and when in a State of Poverty, the Enemy may aſſault us, and may endeavour to cauſe us to think that we

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ſhall never come to partake of thoſe ſweet Enjoyments any more, as we have in Times paſt: Let us not believe him, for he was a Lyar from the Beginning.

It was when the Maſter of the Houſe had faſted long, and was a hungred, that the Enemy aſſaulted Him with his Temptations, but our Lord obtained the Victory, and He will preſerve His People, that not one Hair of their Heads ſhall fall to the Ground without his Permiſſion, altho' the Lord's People may have Sorrow as for a Night, yet Joy will come in the Morning, in the Dawning and breaking forth of that Eternal Day, when the Sun ſhall ariſe that ſhall go no more down; which is for the Light of the New Jeruſalem, which hath no need of the outward Sun, nor of the Moon, for the Lord God is the Light thereof, and Sorrow and Sighing ſhall come to an End, and the Tears ſhall be wiped from all Faces.

Surely this is a deſirable Habitation

on to the weary Travellers, but we ought patiently to wait the Lords Time; let us be willing to bear our Share of Sufferings, remembring what our Lord ſuffered for us when we were Enemies and Aliens; and the Lord might juſtly have cut us off in that State, but He was pleaſed to ſhew Mercy unto us.

Let us be willing to follow Him through many Tribulations, through the Aſſiſtance of His Spirit, that we may be found worthy to obtain an Inheritance in the Kingdom that is prepared for the Followers of the Lamb; and when we have done all, we are but as unprofitable Servants; we have done no more than was our Duty to do; there is nothing to be attributed to us, neither is there any Praiſe belongs unto ſuch, but God only.

The 4th of the 6th Month.

It is the inward Comforter that our Lord promiſed he would pray the Father to ſend to his Followers; that

that in my Measure I am a Witness of, and this inward Enjoyment sweetens every Exercise: I desire we may all wait for it in a Sense of our Wants, that we may receive a daily Supply from it; for there is something of Trials to be met with every Day, and therefore we have need of a Supply from the Lord, to enable us to go forward in the Way of our Duty. The Goodness of God is very great, and in a feiling Sense of it, I have at this Time, renewed Occasion to return the Praises unto His Holy Name.

The same Evening speaking of the gradual Decay of Natural Strength, she was sensible of, she said, *The Lord gives and he takes away, blessed be His Name.*

The 17th of the 6th Month.

Being scarce two Days and a half before she departed, several *Friends* being there to visit her about the Seventh Hour in the Evening, the

they found her very weak, but after they had ſpent ſome Time in waiting upon the Lord with her, the Lord was graciouſly pleaſed to renew the Viſitation of His Love unto her, by which ſhe was wonderfully revived, and was publickly concerned in thankful Acknowledgments of the Goodneſs of God, in Supplication unto Him for the Continuance thereof.

She had alſo an Exhortation to the *Friends*, to follow the Lord in Obedience to His Requirings; for ſhe ſignified, that while Diſobedience remained in the Heart, it tends to hinder the Work of the Lord, and therefore it was her Deſire, that all might be given up freely to follow the Lord, that they might know his Ways, to become *Ways of Pleaſantneſs unto them.*

She departed this Life the 20th Day of the 6th Month, 1722, betwixt the Hours of four and five in the Morning, being in the Forty Firſt Year of her Age.

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ALexander Seaton was born at *Cuttle-Craggs*, near *Lethinty*, in the Pariſh of *Daviot* and Shire of *Aberdeen*, in the North of *Scotland*, in or about the Year 1652. Son of *John Seaton*, from the *Seatons* of *Meldrum*; and brought up a Scholar, and for ſome Time in the *Colledge* in the old Town of *Aberdeen*: and while he was a Scholar, there was a Diſpute between the *Students* of *Aberdeen*, and *Robert Barclay* and *George Keith*, who defended the *Principles* of *Truth*, as held by the People called *Quakers*, againſt the *Students* in the Year 1675; at which he being preſent, was ſo far convinced of the *Truth* of the Doctrine as held by *Friends*, as afterwards to own the ſame publickly: So that while he was a young Man, it pleaſed the Lord to open his Underſtanding, and ſhew him the *Myſteries* of his *Kingdom*, and *Way* of *Life* and *Salvation*; and being joyned in Society with the *People* in Scorn called *Quakers*, he grew in the *Truth*, and became very inſtru-

mental in the Service of the Goſpel, for the confirming of Friends in the *Truth*, and Information of others (yea even ſuch alſo that oppoſed the *Truth*) and was drawn forth in the Love of God, to viſit Friends-Meetings in *Scotland*, *Ireland* and *England*, ſeveral Times, was impriſoned at *Aberdeen*, and ſuffered very much at *Glaſgow* for his Teſtimony to the *Truth*: He was a faithful, zealous and ſound *Miniſter* of the Goſpel of our Lord and Saviour *Jeſus Chriſt*; exemplary in Humility and Lowlineſs of Mind, lived in Peace and Unity with *Friends*, and was well eſteemed amongſt his Neighbours: And when under Weakneſs and Affliction of Body, he bore it with much *Patience*, and was very ſweet in his *Spirit*, as may appear by the following Expreſſions, *viz.* Several being come to ſee him, he ſaid, *ſince theſe ſevere Fits, I was concerned about my* Latter End, *and it was opened to me, that I ſhould depart in* Peace *there is a Manſion of Glory prepared* At another Time, when his Family

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was about him, he ſaid, *Do not put off* Repentance *and* Amendment *of Life until the Time of a* dying Bed, *for commonly it hath enough to do for it ſelf; the* Lord *hath been very good to me, even from my Youth, and hath followed me with his Goodneſs, and never left me in the Time of divers* Exerciſes; *his* Preſence *is near, and 'tis manifeſted to me, that when my* Departure *comes, it ſhall be in* Peace: *The* Comforter *is near, and will endure, and the* Afflictions *will have an* End.

At one Time when ſome Friends came to ſee him, he ſaid, *I have partook of the Earneſt of that Joy that will never have an End: My Rock, my Fortreſs, my ſtrong Tower, dwelleth with me, and does not leave me nor forſake me, bleſſed be his Name; I hope to be with him for ever, and that is more than a thouſand Worlds: There is a Manſion of Glory prepared;* In my Father's Houſe, *ſaid Chriſt,* there are many Manſions, if it had not been ſo I would have told you. *There has been a Diſcovery of a Manſion of Glory.*

Some Friends coming before Meeting, to ſee or viſit him, he ſaid, *Job was hard put to it, and his Friends were all miſtaken, in that they did not believe that the Lord did afflict Man without a ſinful Cauſe.*

His Wife perſwading him to take ſomething, leſt he ſhould faint; he conſented, ſaying, *let me try to eat one Bit with my Friends*, but turning the Caſe added, *Chriſt ſaid*, labour for the Bread that periſheth not, but nouriſheth up to eternal Life; *Praiſes wait for the Lord in* Sion: *No Tryals, no Afflictions, no Temptations, can obſtruct his Preſence from the Inhabitants thereof: Praiſe is comely for the Upright, but becometh no wicked Perſon.*

Sometimes being much pained with the Gravel, he would ſay, *Lord give me ſome Eaſe, or take me to thy ſelf*; O *Lord give Patience, ſuſtain and ſupport me under theſe ſharp* Afflictions, *let the lifting up of my Hands be as the* Evening Sacrifice *acceptable unto thee.*

O *Lord! thou art my Rock, the Shadow of a mighty Rock in a weary Land*; the

the Lord hath promiſed to be with his Children through the Region and Shadow of Death, and bring them to a laſting Eternity, where there is Joy for evermore: and therefore ſaid to his Wife, *Be content.*

Another Time, after having got ſome Reſt in Sleep, he ſaid, *Why am I kept here? Let me go Home, Lord receive my Spirit, I recommend my Soul, receive me into thy everlaſting Kingdom, and the Manſion of Glory thou ſhewedſt me.*

A near Friend coming in to ſee him, aſked him how he was, he ſaid, *I would fain be gone, the Lord hath been very good to me, and led me through the Croſs to inherit the Crown.*

When he ſeemed to be a little eaſed of the Pain of the Gravel, which was often violent upon him; his Wife aſked him if any Thing troubled him, as to the ſetling of his Affairs or Children, he ſaid *No, the greateſt Trouble that attends me, is to part with thee, who haſt been made a Bleſſing to the Family.*

At another Time he ſaid, *the Lord hath been good to me from my Childhood. He began to place his Fear in my Heart very early: The Lord never fails thoſe who truſt in him, he will be with them to Death, and through Death unto Eternity; fear God and ſerve him, prefer his Fear before all Things, and he will provide for you:* and ſaid to his Wife, *my Dear, the Lord is a Father to the Fatherleſs, and a Huſband to the Widow, that love and fear him, therefore be content and reſigned to the Will of the Lord.*

About two or three Weeks before his Deceaſe, ſeveral Friends having been at Meeting, went to ſee him, and after a Time of Silence, a Friend ſpoke a few Words, after which, *Alexander* being very much broken into Tears, ſaid, *It's the inviſible Power that ſupports under Affliction*: Moſes *endured, ſeeing him that is inviſible.* At another time he ſaid, *A ſharp War, the ſooner Peace.*

Several Friends belonging to *Lurgan*, *Ballanderry* and *Liſburn* Meetings, hearing that he was very weak, came

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to see him, whereupon his Wife asked him if he knew them, he said, *I do very well, but it is a Trouble to me to speak, but all is well, and will be everlastingly well.*

His Distemper was tedious, being often extream sharp, all which he bore with admirable Patience, and departed this Life in great Peace and Quietness the 23*d* Day of the 1*st* Month 1723. And we have good Ground to believe, that the Lord hath received him into his Kingdom of everlasting Rest.

His Corpse was decently buried the 25*th* Day of the said Month, lovingly accompanied by Friends and Neighbours.

Aged about 71 } Years.
A Minister about 47 }

Precious in the Sight of the Lord is the Death of his Saints. Psa. 116, 15.

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Some Account of the Birth, Education *and* Convincement, *of that faithful Miniſter of the everlaſting Goſpel,* THOMAS RAYLTON, *found after his Deceaſe in his own Hand-writing; To which is added, ſome farther Relation of his* Miniſtry, *&c. ſince his Settlement in* London, *taken from the Teſtimony of the* Bull *and* Mouth *Monthly Meeting concerning* HIM.

I was born on the 30*th Day* of the 6*th Month*, 1671, in *Bowes*, in the North Part of *Yorkſhire*, and educated in the Way of the *Church of England*: But in the Year 1685, being about 14 Years of Age, and then a Scholar with one *Richard Wharton* Prieſt of the Pariſh, and Teacher of a Free-School in *Bowes* aforeſaid, it providentially happen'd, that by the Invitation of *Francis Wrightſon*, (one call'd a *Quaker*,) at whoſe Houſe a Meeting was kept, about two Miles from the Place of

of my Abode, my *Mother* went to a Meeting there, and took me to ride before her, at which Meeting were two Miniſters, namely, *John Bowron* and *George Rook*, the latter then living in *Cumberland*, but ſince in *Ireland*, being come to viſit Friends thereaways, by whoſe powerful Miniſtry and lively Prayer, it pleaſed God to open my Heart, and to let me ſee the *Vanity of this preſent World*, of which, for my ſhort time I had had ſome Share, for which, I had been often ſecretly ſmitten by the *juſt Witneſs* of *God* in my own Heart; yet, for all that, I was pretty much a Stranger to it, and ſo was not ſenſible from whence it came, until I came to be affected with the *Goſpel*, which I may ſay, was *glad Tydings of Salvation unto me*: And from that Day, I was joined in Heart with thoſe People that directed to *Chriſt within, the Hope of their Glory*. And altho' I have had many Inſtructers in Chriſt ſince, yet I have not many Fathers, for the ſaid *George Rook*,

who preached the *Word* by the Goſpel of *Jeſus Chriſt*, was the Inſtrument under the Lord for my *Convincement*; for which, I bow my Knees, and worſhip and thank the Lord for his Goodneſs hitherto.

Now after I was joined with thoſe People, the Word of God more powerfully wrought in me, and ſhewed me, that I was to alter the Courſe of my *Converſation*, that was, to leave the *corrupt Life*, and to ſhun *evil Company*, and foraſmuch as I was bowed before the Lord, and had given up my Name to ſerve him; I then ſaw I muſt walk in the narrow Way, and leave the vain *Complements*, the putting off the *Hat*, and bowing the *Knee* to *Man*, *&c.* upon which I was ſoon taken Notice of, and Complaint made to my *Mother*, of my neglecting to conform to theſe Things, by the Prieſt my then Maſter, who was moved at my *Behaviour*, and I ſuppoſe, intended at that time to have uſed the Rod, and having made Preparation, call'd me

to him, and ſaid, I heard to Day, that thou wenteſt by Mr. *Bounskell* and didſt not put off thy *Hat* and bid *good Morrow*, adding, what is thy Reaſon for ſo doing? whether is it *Pride* or *Religion*? Upon which I told him, it was not *Pride*; then ſaid he it muſt be *Religion*, and if ſo, thou muſt not be whipt, and ſo laid down the Rod, but ſaid he, if for *Religion*, let me know why thou refuſed'ſt, and give me ſome Preſident; ſo I told him I had been reading in the *Revelations*, and there I found, that an *Angel* ſhewed *John* many Things, and that *John* ſaid, *when I had heard and ſeen, I fell down to worſhip the Angel that ſhewed me thoſe Things*, but the Angel ſaid, *ſee thou do it not, for I am of thy fellow Servants, and of thy Brethren the Prophets, and of them which keep the Sayings of this Book: worſhip God:* And from this I told him, I refuſed to do it unto Men. But he endeavoured to perſwade me, that what he requeſted of me, was no more than a *civil Reſpect* between Man

and Man; and from thence he thought I might the better conform to it, and to make me the more willing to believe it was no Worſhip, but Reſpect (as he had ſaid before) he turned me to the Place of the Children of *Heth* and *Abraham's* bowing to each other, and alſo proceeded to ſhew me ſomething of the like Kind among the Children of *Iſrael*, in the Time of *Moſes* and *Joſhua*; but all theſe were to no Purpoſe to me, for my Eye was opened to ſee a more glorious *Diſpenſation* than that of *Moſes*, yea or the *Prophets*: For tho' they were good Men, and that by the Spirit of Chriſt in them, they did foretel the *Coming* of *Chriſt*, and of his *Sufferings*; yet, they did not live to ſee thoſe Things come to paſs, which they had ſpoken of: So that he had no Force in his Argument to make me uſe thoſe Things, which might be uſed among the *Fathers*, and alſo after the *Law*. And ſince, the *new Teſtament* is ſilent, and gives no Account of either Chriſt or his Apoſtles

tles being in the Practice of *Bowing*; I did not ſee, why either *Knee* or *Hat* ſhould be expected of me; for as for the latter, I have no Account at all, therefore, I ſtood to my Principle, and kept to the Light and Underſtanding the Lord had given me thro' Jeſus Chriſt my Saviour, who then was come to my Houſe in Spirit, and had brought *Salvation* with him.

And that Day, I told one of my School-fellows, that what my Maſter had ſhown me, was but out of the *Law*, and not of the *Goſpel*, which he told my Maſter, and I had a quiet Day: It is to be obſerved, that this was but the Beginning of farther Exerciſe, for as it was in ſome Meaſure begun (tho' I had at that time met with favourable Treatment from my Examiner, whoſe *Moderation* as I have ſaid then appeared) yet after this, whether for *Grief* which he was then in, being in all probability likely to part with one from his Flock, over which, he might look upon himſelf to

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be Paſtor; or from the Perſwaſion of my Parents, he began to be more ſevere, and told me, that unleſs I would make *Conges* to him (as he called them) he would teach me no longer, and altho' I muſt confeſs, I would gladly have learned a little more, being then a *Bible-Scholar*; yet to have it in a Way, I ſaw I muſt deny and bear Teſtimony againſt, I forſook the School at that Time, and went home to my *Father's Houſe*, and told my *Mother* the Occaſion of my Coming, and altho' ſhe took me to the firſt Meeting but a few Weeks before, yet ſhe then repented it, and would not hear of my ſuffering by my Maſter, ſo as to give me any Relief; upon which I left the Houſe for a while. But I think I may ſay, the *Arm of the Lord* wrought for me, for my Maſter preſently ſent Word to my *Mother*, that he had done what was in his Power, to perſwade me to be conformable, but he ſaw it would not do, therefore, deſired her to ſend me to

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School again, and ſaid, he would leave me to my Liberty about *Religion*: The Tydings being brought to me, as I was alone under an Hedge, where I was retired, not then knowing what would become of me, who had both left the School, and knew not with whom to lodge; but whilſt I was in this Condition, the Tydings I have mentioned was brought to me, which I received gladly, and went to School again, and found it pretty much as had been told me: and thus the Lord pleaded my innocent Cauſe, unto whom be Glory aſcribed for ever.

Thus far I was got on my Way, and was ſtill to go farther; now my *Parents* had taught us from our Childhood, to aſk of them *to pray to God to bleſs us*, and tho' it is true, there is not an Evil in the Thing it ſelf; yet the bringing of it into ſuch a *Form*, as to uſe it every Night and Morning, this alſo I found was my Place to leave off, at which they were much offended, and began to beat me into

a Compliance with them, but that would not do, for I had read that Saying of our Lord, *whoſoever loves Father or Mother more than me, is not worthy of me*: So that in an holy Reſolution I went on, not much doubting but the Lord would help me over that as he had over other Things before, which in time he did; but the Courſe I took, after much threatning, and ſeveral Beatings upon the above Subject, was this, I left my Father's Houſe, and was kept privately for about fifteen Days, but as *Moſes* by the good Providence of God, and care of his *Siſter*, who watched to ſee what would become of him, was ordered to his Mother again to be his Nurſe, a Providence to be commemorated; ſo was I watched over by ſome of thoſe People, unto whom I was joined in Fellowſhip, and by them ſent for to come to one of their Meetings, I being then remote from it, yet, at their Requeſt I went; for Meetings were precious unto me, for I had been but

at about two Meetings from that of the firſt, and that was about three Quarters of a Year before, and a good Meeting this alſo was to me; and after the Meeting was over, ſome of the Friends undertook to go and offer me to my *Father* again, ſo I went along with them, and coming there, they told my *Father* it was their Deſire that he would take me home again, as I was his *Son*, and if he would not accept of me as a *Son*, then as a *Servant* into his Houſe, but if he would not as neither, then ſaid they, he muſt become our Care, foraſmuch as he is become one of us; this Propoſition took ſuch Place with my *Parents*, that the Friends were thanked for the Care they had over me. And thus I was brought Home again, and had free Acceſs to their Preſence Morning and Evening, without inſiſting on the aforemention'd Ceremony, which was the Cauſe of my leaving their Houſe, becauſe they were wroth, that one of their Children ſhould leave

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their *Religion*, and decline going to *Church* (as they call'd it) and for about seven Weeks more, I lived with them at Peace, and went to Meetings with their Knowledge; and at the End of that time, being the 30*th Day* of the 4*th Month*, 1686, I went *Apprentice* to a Friend in the County of *Durham*, by the Approbation of my *Parents*, being conducted thither by my *Father*. And thus my Freedom was brought about, so that I might well with some of old sing unto the Lord, and say, *he had delivered me from the Noise of the Archers, in the Places of drawing Water.*

Now in the Time of my 7 Years Apprenticeship, to a laborious Trade, being a *Black-Smith*; at leisure Times I often read the Scriptures of the old and new *Testament*, in which I found great Benefit, being often broken into many Tears when I read, and especially, when I met with Places that mentioned the *Call of God* to *Sinners*, and their *Return* to his *Call*, in order for

for their *Converſion* and *Salvation*; and my Delight was much in reading ſome Places of the *Prophets*, which propheſied of the *Coming* of the *juſt One*, and of the Work of *Reſtoration* that he would bring to paſs, and altho' I have ſaid I delighted in thoſe Things, yet the Crown of my Rejoycing was, that I was counted worthy to know this bleſſed Work begun, and I did not only read in private, but in the Family we uſed to read much by Candle-Light, my Maſter and Miſtreſs allowing it, and were in the Practice thereof themſelves, being honeſt Friends that feared *God*, with all their Children, who were dutiful to their *Parents*, and kept very much out of the *evil Communication* of the *World*, ſo that we were a Comfort one to another, as we kept to that which was good; and when I have been alone at my Work, the Lord did very often comfort me with his *holy Spirit*, and gave me a Sight, that he would give me a Diſpenſation of the Goſpel to preach;

preach; and for ſeven Years, the *Word of the Lord* was often very *powerful in my Heart*, not only to the fitting of me for ſo great a *Work*, but growing upon me, to the affecting of my Heart: during thoſe Years, living Breathings often ran through me to the Lord, that he would preſerve me in his Fear.

After I had ſerved out the full Time of my *Apprenticeſhip*, I went to the Place of my *Birth*, and there followed my Trade about a Year, but it was not long, until the Lord brought that which I had ſeen before, more near, *viz.* The *Work* of the *Miniſtry*; and the nearer it came to me, I ſtill ſaw the more Need to be weighty and ſolid, and much inward in Spirit, often filled with the *Word of Life*, ſo that I could ſcarcely hold my Peace in the *Aſſemblies* of the *People of God*; yet much inward and ſtill, often remembring the Building of *Solomon's Temple*, where there was not the Sound of an *Hammer* or *Iron Tool*: and in this Quietneſs

Quietneſs in Meetings, I was greatly refreſhed and filled with inward Joy to the Lord, but could not yet utter by Words what I felt. For indeed, as the *Miniſtry* is a great Work, it made me the more cautious how I entred into it, remembring it was not approved, that one of old laid hold of the *Ark* when it was ſhaken.

Now I ſaw, by all this Experience and Carefulneſs, in not offering until I was fully ſatisfied it was my incumbent Duty, yet I found it ſafe not to appear in the *Miniſtry*, until I was fully ſatisfied of the Lord's Requirings therein, altho' the Lord had been often with me from Meeting to Meeting, and in his Viſitations, left his holy Dew upon my Spirit; and thus was I filled with the *Odour* of his *good Ointment*, with which I was *anointed to preach the Goſpel*; and thus I was led into the Miniſtry.

Upon or about the 30*th Day* of the 10*th Month*, 1695, in a Meeting at the Houſe of *John Bowron*, in *Cotherſtone*, where I was amongſt many more,

more, after a little Time, my Soul was divinely touched with the Power of God, and His *Word* was again in my Heart, as a *burning Fire* in my *Bones*, and I could then no longer contain, my Tongue being looſed, my Mouth was opened to ſpeak of the Lord unto his People in that Meeting. I cannot but obſerve one Thing, and that was, the *holy Silence* which was in the fore-part of that Meeting, before my Mouth was opened, altho' there were ſeveral there that had publick Teſtimonies, yet that Power by which I was opened, bound them to Silence, but after I had ſpoke what I then delivered, there ſtood up a Friend, and was like one that had a Seal to ſet down to the Words I had ſpoken: And as I grew in Teſtimony, a Concern came into my Mind, to viſit Friends in *Cumberland*, where after ſome Time I went, and was kindly receiv'd by them, and was at moſt of their Meetings, if not all.

T. R.

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This our dear Friend *Thomas Ryl-ton*, after he had travelled much in the Service of the Truth, ſettled in *London* about the Year 1705, where he was very ſerviceable and edifying in his Miniſtry, ſound in his *Doctrine*, mighty in the *holy Scriptures*, zealous for the *Truth*, and a faithful Reprover of any *undue Liberty* in the Profeſſors of it.

He was many Years afflicted with Infirmity of Body; but being fervent in Spirit, was ſtrengthned in the *Work* of the *Miniſtry* beyond Expectation; ſo that he bore his Teſtimony to the *Truth* at Times, in the Meetings of Friends, not only in *London*, but in moſt *Counties* of *England*: And the Year before his Death, in much Bodily Weakneſs, took a Journey from *London*, and viſited the Brethren in his *native County*, to their mutual Comfort, and return'd Home well ſatisfied in his Service there.

In his laſt Fit of Sickneſs, which took him about the beginning of the *9th Month*, 1723, he bore the Extre-

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mity of his Pain with great Patience and Reſignation; having ſome time before ſignified a Senſe of his approaching Departure; by ſaying, *my Day's Work is nigh finiſhed.* And but a few Days before his Death, told a Friend *that he had ſettled his Affairs, being ſatisfied that his Departure was at Hand:* adding in a ſenſible and humble Manner, *Doubtleſs, it will be a glorious Change to me.*

To his *Wife* he thus expreſſed himſelf, *My Dear, be eaſy, let me go, and rejoyce when I am gone to ſo great Salvation.*

He departed this Life in Peace, and full Aſſurance of future Happineſs, at two in the Morning, the *6th Day* of the *10th Month*, 1723, in the *53d* Year of his Age, and was decently buried on the *9th* of the ſame *Month*, in Friend's Burying-Ground near *Bunhil Fields.*

FINIS.